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President's Address

By ROBERT G. LEE, President
The Southern Baptist Convention
(Editor's note: Every word of Dr.

Lee's address was interesting and helpful. We regret that space limitations make condensation necessary).
EYES UPON SOUTHERN BAPTISTS
As once the children of Israel—"a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt" (2 Chron. 7:8)—met in Jerusalem for the dedication of the Lord's house (2 Chron. 7:2), so Southern Baptists, in annual convention assembled, are in Chicago, America's second largest city, and the burial ground of Dr. E. C. Dargan, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Staggering under a load of responsibility, the like of which never burdened any people, we meet unembarrassed and unhindered by ecclesiastical harness.

Like David, with the sling of God in his hand, this Southern Baptist Convention—with no proposal coming before any of our boards or administrative staffs for any kind of affiliation outside our body, with not

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Rev. J. H. Street, pastor of the second Avenue Church, Laurel, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour May 28.

He will be heard over the following stations: at 8 a. m. over WHBQ, Memphis; WRBC, Jackson; WRJW, Picayune; at 2 p. m. over WSLI, Jackson, and at 9 a. m. over WLOX, Biloxi and WROB, West Point.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST GAINS ARE GREATEST IN 1949

NEW HIGH OF 6,761,265 IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Most Of 462 New Churches In Urban Areas

By PORTER ROUTH, Secty.
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Baptist Sunday School Board

A militant advance program projected last year by the 27,285 churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention on the Southern arc from Maryland to Washington state made possible in 1949 the greatest gains ever reported in any one year, a complete tabulation from the 961 associations in the 22 states the 1950 Southern Baptist Handbook reveals.

A total of 463 churches were added to the total during the year. There was a gain of 28 new churches in the open country areas, but most of the new churches were organized in the urban sections.

4,643,650 In Sunday School

Membership climbed 4.1 per cent to reach a new high of 6,761,265, the tabulation shows, with most of the gain provided by the record number of conversions, 334,289. A total of 22,565 churches reported one or more baptisms during the year.

The 25,496 churches with Sunday Schools reported a total membership of 4,643,650, a 7.9 per cent gain over 1948. Sunday School enrolment has gained more than 1,000,000 since 1945.

An additional 1,208 churches started Training Union work during the year to bring the total number of churches in the training program to 14,450. Membership gained 156,414 during the

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Executive Committee Holds Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board was held on May 16 in the Baptist Building. In the absence of the chairman, Dr. J. D. Ray of Starkville, Rev. C. W. Thompson of Aberdeen, who is vice-chairman, presided.

Important actions of the committee included:

1. Sale of the Gospel Trailer to Dr. W. E. Green of Clarke College;
2. Acceptance of the resignation of Dr. W. P. Davis as Assistant Executive Secretary, Effective June 30;
3. Adoption of expressions of appreciation to Dr. Davis for his untiring and unselfish service to Mississippi Baptists;
4. Election of Miss Altie Grubb as Minister's Retirement Plan Bookkeeper and Supervisor of the Baptist Record bookkeeping and mailing.
5. Granted permission for Galloway Memorial Methodist Church located across the street from the Baptist Building, to use the prayer room of the Baptist Building for an adult Sunday School class. Galloway Memorial is now tearing down some of their present Sunday School Building.

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Ministers Endorse Federal Aid Bill

Montgomery, Ala. — (RNS) — The Montgomery Baptist Ministers Conference passed a resolution here endorsing the Burke bill for federal education now before the House Committee on Education and Labor.

The Burke bill authorizes the appropriation of funds to assist states and territories in financing a more equitable schedule of salaries for teachers in public elementary and secondary schools, for the promotion of general welfare and other allied purposes.

Members of the ministerial group said they were favorable to the Burke bill because, under it, school funds would be restricted solely to teachers in the public elementary and secondary schools.

VAN WINKLE CHURCH NO KIN TO "RIP"

Organized After Tent Meeting By Two Ministerial Students
FROM NONE TO 867 IN 12 YEARS—\$112,000

Not "from rags to riches" but from nothing to a thriving, wide-awake church of 867 members in 12 years is the miracle story of Van Winkle Church.

Twelve years ago there were many people in the Van Winkle section of suburban Jackson but no church. Neither was there a nearby church nor a Jackson church that made any effort to serve the spiritual needs of those gospel hungry people.

Two young preachers, E. J. Blackford and Charles McKay who were students at the New Orleans Theological seminary (then known as BBI) seeking a place to use their talent during the summer vacation, without aid or direction from anyone, they looked over the field in and around Jackson. Meeting stone walls at several locations, they decided on Van Winkle as a place needing a revival.

As are most student preachers, they were short of cash but long on faith and enthusiasm.

Locating a vacant lot which they "borrowed" from the owner, a Metho-

dist, they rented a tent (on credit) from a fellow student, now Dr. W. E. Greene, president of Clarke College. The problem of no piano was solved by borrowing one from a nearby member of the Pentecostal church.

Lights presented only a small problem—a mere matter of a \$10 meter deposit—which they didn't have. Two five dollar loans from Dr. P. I. Lipsey and Rev. A. L. Goodrich, then editor and circulation manager of the Baptist Record, respectively, provided the deposit.

During the two weeks' meeting, which resulted in several conversions, the evangelists canvassed the territory and found many whose memberships were in Jackson or in "the old home" church. But few were active, some because of distance, others for various excuses, few of which were any good.

STARTED RIGHT

At the close of the meeting a church was organized (May 11, 1938), and one of the young evangelists, E. J. Blackford was called as pastor.

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Clyde C. Bryan, Chester L. Quarles To Bring Woman's College Graduation Addresses



REV. CLYDE C. BRYAN



REV. CHESTER L. QUARLES

Rev. Clyde C. Bryan, pastor of the First Church, Hattiesburg, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the exercises of the Mississippi Woman's College graduating class at 8 p. m. May 28 in the auditorium of Ttaum Court. Speaker for commencement exercises at 8 p. m. May 29 will be Rev. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. I. E. Rouse, president of the college, will confer degrees on the following students who compose the 1950 graduating class: Lucille Cooper Dabney, Morton; Ruby Frances Bagwell, Oxford; Herbert Eugene Lucy, Hattiesburg; Cora Joyce Davis, Hattiesburg; Hettye McMillan Hawkins, Vicksburg; Joseph D. Lundy, Laurel; Ruth Armstrong, Laoma, Ill.; Gloria Hall, Wiggins; Billy Ray Mathis, Beaumont; Byron Mathis, Seminary; Genevieve Turner, Citronelle, Ala.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

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one of our boards or agencies trying to lead Southern Baptists into any unionizing movement, but with a polity adapted to the genius and elasticity of our New Testament creed—holds in its hands the New Testament but no military orders.

A big, not bantam, people we must be for our God. We are not here to catch sparrows and subdue rabbits but to be spiritual lion tamers.

We are not here to make argumentative assaults on one another. We would not engage in rolling marbles when there are mountains to be removed. But, with gratitude to God who led us safely thus far, with our Southern Baptist heart 25,000 miles in circumference, we ask God's help to out-think, out-serve, out-love every false philosophy now bidding for men's allegiance.

In our 105 years of God-blessed history, some of it written in blood, some of it watered with tears, the Convention has done little damaging detouring into the realm of doctrinal statements beyond the acceptance of the fundamentals of the New Testament. Our Southern Baptist Convention—an association of local self-governing, independent, democratic churches—must recognize the independence and autonomy of the local church in all matters temporal and spiritual.

This is what makes our six and one-half million Baptists a modern miracle, with 27,000 churches handling their own affairs without authoritative control by any council, convention or outside organization, yet knit together as a compact force—with the New Testament as sole creed and only rule of faith and practice.

Eyes are upon us as we meet. Upon us are:

OUR OWN EYES

We see growth, within the last 50 years, as miraculous as our unity—with increase in church membership of 300 per cent, in Sunday School enrollment 542 per cent, in Training Union enrollment 1600 per cent, in gifts from \$2,500,000 in 1900 to \$178,000,000; in baptisms from 80,000 in 1900 to 334,864 last year.

With 22 orphanages, 25 hospitals, 5 seminaries, 28 senior colleges, 24 junior colleges, 8 academies, millions of people are beneficiaries of our faith and works.

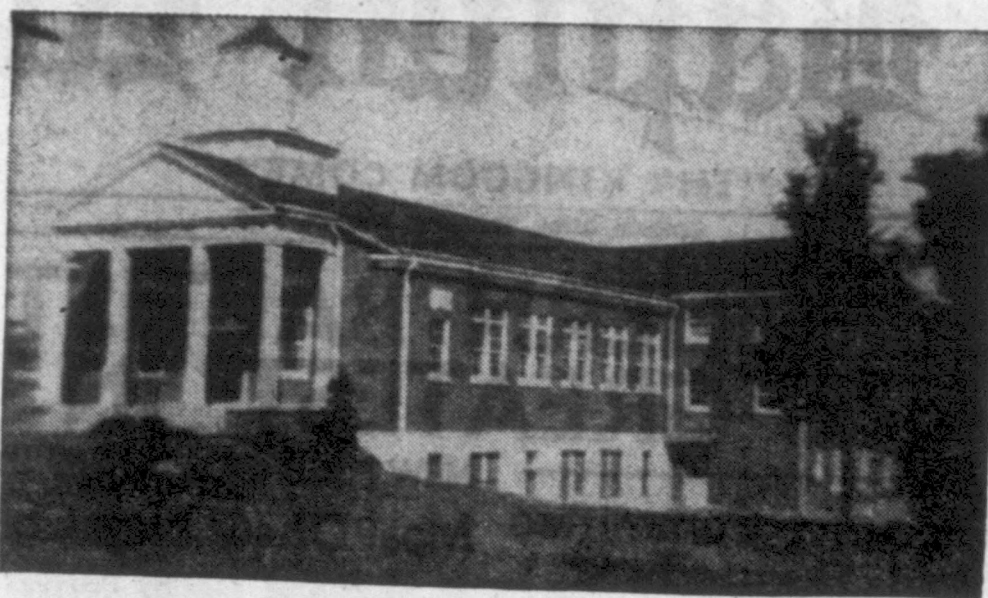
Through our 25-year-old Cooperative Program, enough money was given the last four years to care for current and operating needs of our agencies and institutions and to provide \$8,500,000 for capital needs.

Our Sunday School Board, publishing 63 periodicals, shows unparalleled gains in all departments, with 5,000 requests coming to the Department of Architecture for help in the erection of new church houses, with thousands of Dally Vacation Bible Schools with receipts (including Baptist Book Stores) of nearly \$8,000,000, with great contributions to the maintenance of other of our agencies.

Our Foreign Mission Board has 748 missionaries in 24 nations. We rejoice in the representatives soon to work in Ecuador and Peru, in our international seminary established in Argentina, in the foundations laid for the first Southern Baptist Hospital in South America, in the seminary in Zurich which raises Baptist morale and makes Baptists better known, in

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VAN WINKLE CHURCH TODAY



VAN WINKLE CHURCH

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serving about three years. From the beginning the church has had a full program. A Sunday School and Training Union were begun on the first Sunday and a WMU was organized on the following Thursday, under the leadership of Miss Fannie Traylor, then State WMU Secretary. Also, the Baptist Record was immediately adopted on the EVERY FAMILY plan.

Pastor Blackford served only half-time during his student days, but on alternate Sundays the church secured local supplies. Within ten months the Sunday School became standard and still is.

The basement of the proposed auditorium was constructed and roofed over to serve as an auditorium, Sunday School Department, and Training Union Department while the young church grew and struggled to pay off the basement debt.

The lot on which the church was located was given by Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Coleman and was formerly a fish pond. The fish pond location was chosen because it required no excavation for a basement.

Services in the new building were announced for Sunday, August 28 but when Friday evening came the roof had not been started. Again long on faith, everyone who could drive a nail was rounded up. Women handed materials up to the men and on Sunday the building was ready.

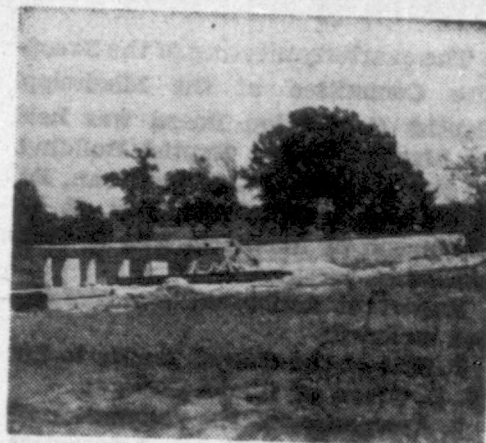
YOUNG PEOPLE MAKE FIRST GIFT

The first money given to the building fund was donated by the Young People's Sunday School Class. The teacher, Mrs. F. M. Coleman estimating that the class would not give more than \$5 offered to match whatever the class gave. Surprisingly the class raised \$16 and so did Mrs. Coleman. This same Young People's class gave the first communion service. Until that time the communion service was borrowed from Griffith Memorial Church.

When the auditorium, which was the second phase of building program, was built, First Church gave chairs for auditorium; Griffith Memorial contributed \$100 toward pulpit furniture and Calvary gave song books. The third phase of the building under the pastorate of Rev. M. Milner was a three-story annex and enlarging auditorium.

First Church furnished additional chairs for the added auditorium space.

The fourth phase was a Nursery building; fifth, two beginner depart-



VAN WINKLE BASEMENT IN 1938

ments.

When Pastor Blackford resigned, Rev. Charles McKay, who had led in the first revival and assisted in the organization of the church, was called.

ed as pastor. He served about two years and was succeeded by Rev. Bob Crawford. When called Mr. Crawford was the director of music but had no idea of becoming a preacher.

Mr. Crawford was succeeded in Aug. 1945 by Rev. Herman Milner.

Plans are now being made for additional facilities to take care of the growing membership.

Charter members of the church are:

Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Barber, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Coleman, James Ray Coleman, Edward Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dicken, Mrs. John Maloney, Mrs. John Gilbert, John Dicken, Billy Gates, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Hegwood, LaVera Hegwood, Wayne Hegwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Henderson, Wendall Henderson, Mrs. L. M. Jacobs, Mrs. Eugene B. Ginn, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Kelly, Calvin Kelly Jr., Mrs. Elsie Barnes, John Lloyd Kelly, Mrs. Thelma McNamee, Amos Kendall, Mrs. L. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gip Kinney, Gloria Jean Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCarter, Erlene McCarter, Catherine McCarter, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Mikell, Shelby Mikell, Tommy Mikell, Maggie Moore, Mrs. Ola Moore (deceased), Robert Moore (deceased), Mrs. J. E. Newton, Julian Newton, Mrs. Muriel McKiernan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norton, Mrs. Mabel Pelham, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stewart, Mrs. Wallace Johnson.

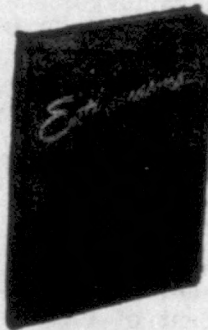
Editor's note: Our last report showed Rev. E. J. Blackford as pastor at Lilbourn, Missouri; Dr. Charles McKay at First Church, Pascagoula and Bob Crawford at Santa Rosa Church, Pearl River county.

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JACK COURTNEY OF MOBILE, ALA., was the guest speaker at both services on May 21 at Zion Hill Church in Copiah county. Mr. Courtney is the brother of the pastor, Rev. Rutledge Courtney.

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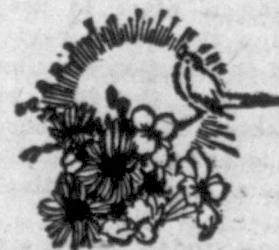
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Some Errors That Ought To Be Corrected

By CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary
EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

Some of the brethren returning from the Southern Baptist Convention have said, "Well, we have changed the evangelistic campaign plans for the churches east of the Mississippi river. We won't have a simultaneous campaign as the churches west-of-the-river did. Dr. C. E. Matthews said he would have the campaign by states according to the state plan." Well, that is an error. Dr. C. E. Matthews, Director of the Evangelism, didn't say that. We are going right along with our plans for a great simultaneous campaign east-of-the-river in 1951. Dr. Matthews did say that we are going right on with our 1951 plans but that in 1952, we are going to continue our revival efforts with the states having simultaneous campaigns. In some instances the states will have district simultaneous campaigns.

Since there has been no change in the plans, we should press right on in the matter of securing our revival preacher and making other necessary plans. Every association should be organized. The campaign director should contact the pastor and other leaders in the church if the church is pastorless. Plans must be completed soon if we are to have the revival in Mississippi for which our hearts yearn.

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY

Somehow the word has gone around recently that the New Orleans Theological Seminary since changing its name is no longer doing the institute type of work as formerly done. Dr. Ronald Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, firmly states that more is being done than ever before to aid students who have not had the privilege of college training.

This great institution has done much for many Mississippi pastors. Our Mississippi people should ever be grateful for the waves of influence that go out from the institution through president, faculty members and students, to our state and other states. The New Orleans Seminary is facing a great program of building. A new plant will be constructed. We Mississippi Baptists should have a worthy part in it. All honor, appreciation and encouragement to President Leavell and his co-workers.

BOARD MEMBERS

I hear some of our people speak of "our associational representative on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board," "our Mississippi representative on the Sunday School Board," "our Mississippi representative on the Executive Committee" and so forth. Baptists do not believe in representative government. We believe that one Baptist body has absolutely no control over another Baptist body. The state convention has absolutely no control over the associations. On the other hand the association has no control over the State Convention.

A member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from an association is not that association's representative on the board, but he (or she) is the Board's representative (or link) back to the churches of the association where he happens to live or where his church membership is.

The "Mississippi Member" on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention from the standpoint of polity is not our representative, but he is the voice and influence of the Executive Committee back to the churches of the state where he lives.

Every Baptist body is separate and distinct. One has no control over the other. The association, while it is closer to the churches, in a "geographical" sense, is no closer to the churches than the State Convention or the Southern Baptist Convention. The distance of the church from the Board Building or institution does not determine the "heart distance" among Baptists. We should be just as concerned for our state and Southwide institutions and agencies as we are for the work of our own association. This is certainly close to our hearts.

Let us think straight on this matter. The Board members seek to "represent" the boards, institutions, or agencies back to the churches. These Board members cannot speak for the churches. They may speak to the churches concerning the work.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

As written and spoken so many times before, the Cooperative Program isn't something extra. It is the proper channel for intelligent, proportionate giving among Baptists. One gives through the Cooperative Program to all of the accepted causes of the state convention (in which the contributor resides) and to all the accepted Southwide causes dear to the hearts of Baptists.

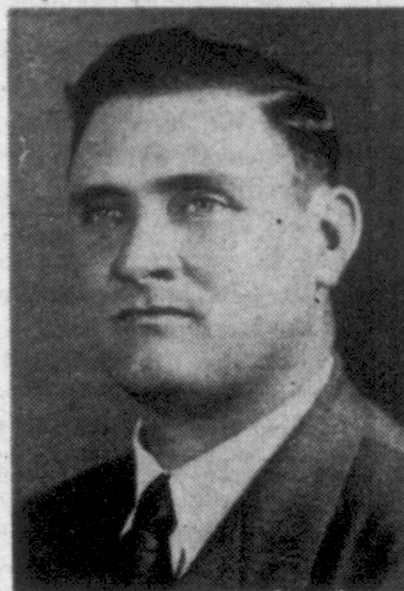
The Cooperative Program is twenty-five years old this year. We celebrate its Silver Anniversary, June 11. Churches are urged to make a supplemental Cooperative Program gift, over and above the regular gifts, on June 11 or the nearest convenient Sunday. This gift from the churches, if a worthy gift, would give us tremendous boost in all our work. It is hoped that every pastor will make June 11 Cooperative Program Sunday in his church or churches. It is literally the hope of our Baptist work.

By giving through the Cooperative Program, we become, in a genuine sense, world citizens. We have the opportunity to affect a great portion of the world for Christ week after week through such intelligent giving.

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THE PEOPLE OF SYLACAUGA SEEM to be determined as some Baptists that we have known through the years. Some time ago they asked State Secretary Quarles to come and preach their commencement sermon on Sunday night, May 21. He wrote them that he couldn't do it because he was engaged to preach in a Jackson church on Sunday morning and would be unable to get there in time. Their reply was, "We shall be glad to pay your expenses on a plane." But upon investigation it was found that the plane schedule would not get him there in time for the Sunday night service. He thus informed them. But those Sylacauga folks—when they like a man, they like him. They wrote him that they would send a private plane to pick him up immediately after the Sunday morning service and put him down in Sylacauga in plenty of time for the commencement sermon. They did not say whether they would send Secretary Quarles back on the plane or not; evidently he was to get back in whatever way he could.

Petty Accepts Good Hope Pastorate



REV. O. H. PETTY

Rev. O. H. Petty, of Indian Springs Church, Petal, has accepted the pastorate of the Good Hope Church in Perry County, and began his work in April. Already there have been six additions and a Brotherhood has been organized. He and Mrs. Petty and their two daughters plan to move on the field in May.

Mr. Petty is a graduate of Clarke College and is a student at Mississippi Southern College.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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ing and plan to erect larger structure. Convention Board Treasurer J. E. Lane made a report of finances for the first six months of the Convention year. His report showed that all departments were living within their budget allocations. The report showed the various budget items by departments, the amount used and the amount still available for the next six months.

The committee accepted the offer of the Brotherhood Convention officers to pay \$465 to clear the Board's equity in the 1950 Ford operated by their department and that full title then be vested in the Brotherhood Convention Officers.

An allocation of \$100 per month was granted for the Scott County Associational Missionary for the remainder of the Convention year. This is in addition to other allocations already in force.

Heretofore the committee has not had any particular meeting dates but met when the need arose. The committee voted to meet once each quarter on Tuesday after the second Sunday at 11 a. m. However, the next meeting will be on July 3, due to the fact that July 4 comes on the regular meeting day.

Members present were: Rev. C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen; Rev. M. D. Morton, Crystal Springs; H. A. Scott, Tylertown; Rev. Wayne Alliston, Forence; Rev. W. L. Meadows, Quitman; Rev. H. H. Aultman, Holly Springs; Dr. J. W. Landrum, Canton. The only two absentees were Dr. F. K. Horton, Clarksdale, and Dr. J. D. Ray, Starkville.

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"IT REQUIRES BRAINS AND EXPENDITURE of time and money to provide the right kind of social life, but it pays big dividends in character and happy homes, both present and future. It is as religious to save our young people at home as it is the boys and girls of Africa or China."—Mrs. Joseph M. Dawson, The Sunday School Builder.

Our Readers Write

I don't think that your answer to the letter asking about the day of the week on which our Lord was crucified was adequate. I read in the Bible that Jesus told the skeptics that He would be in the grave three days and three nights. You said that He stayed in the grave three days because He spent parts of three days there and that would be the Jews way of putting it even as you say you spent a day in Jackson. However, He was laid in the grave in the evening and that would hardly account for a day. You would not say that you spent the day in Jackson if you just went there about sundown. Neither would you say that you spent the day in Jackson if you left there before sun rise Sunday morning the way that Jesus left the grave. You still have not accounted for even parts of but two nights.

I believe that Jesus spent the full three days and three nights or about seventy-two hours in the grave. This would give him ample time for corruption to set in and the fact that it did not in that length of time fulfilled the prophecy that God would not suffer His Holy One to see corruption. The Bible says that He was crucified on the day before the Sabbath which would make it Friday and show that Jesus made a mistake concerning the length of time that He would spend in the grave but John says in addition that the Sabbath was a high day, evidently meaning that it was a special feast day and not a regular week-end Sabbath. Jesus must have been crucified on Wednesday, buried on Wednesday evening, spent Wednesday night and Thursday, Thursday night and Friday, Friday night and Saturday, and risen Saturday evening about dark and then in the night the stone was rolled away so that it could be seen that the tomb was empty. This accounts for three full days and nights and does not try to get by on a technicality. I know several others that hold to this same explanation.

Along with the two authorities you mentioned you should have mentioned the Roman Catholic Church as they are the ones that started the "Good Friday" business. Let's as Christians "Search the Scriptures" and not be in such a hurry to follow tradition. If I am wrong in this I am ready to be corrected. I think that the fellow who wrote the original question asked an important one and one that deserves more study in order that we may glorify God.

JOE H. PRICE

Attached is a brief announcement of our Anniversary and Homecoming plans for this month. If it is possible to publish it we would appreciate it so very much, if not then just lay it aside and forget it.

The church would not hesitate to pay a reasonable amount for the enclosed announcement.

Editor's Comment: There is no charge for news items in The Baptist Record. In fact, we welcome news items.

We appreciate the nice space you gave us in the current number of the RECORD. There was a slight error in the article we sent you which I hope you will correct in next week's paper. The correction follows:

The eulogy in the memorial service of the Blue Mountain College Alumnae Association read by Mrs. D. C. Simmons was of Mrs. O. B. Taylor, Jackson, instead of Mrs. Booth Lowrey. Miss Lucy Lamb read the eulogy of Mrs. Lowrey.

Comment: The error was made by the writer of the article. We published what was sent to us.

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MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OFFERING JUNE 11 OR NEAREST CONVENIENT SUNDAY.

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Reflections On The 1950 SBC Convention

After attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago, talking with numerous persons and even asking written opinions from some close friends, we give below impressions of the Convention.

Illinois Baptists led by State Secretary Noel M. Taylor did everything they could to make the visit of Southern Baptists to Chicago both profitable and pleasant. If they left anything undone, it was because they didn't know about it. The same cannot be said of the Chicago hotels. We were in Chicago in February and stayed at the same hotel that we used during the Convention. We paid less in February for a larger room than we did for our room during the Convention.

Accommodations for the press representatives were the best we have seen during our 16 conventions as a representative of the Baptist Record. Rev. B. J. Murrie, editor of the Illinois Baptist and Rev. Albert McClellan, publicity director for the SBC seemed to have anticipated every need and provided for them. If any editor has a poor convention report, it will be his fault.

As usual, the welcome addresses and the response were everything else but. With one exception, these addresses never got near a welcome but were speeches on some subject dear to the heart of the speaker. Welcome addresses and responses should be that.

As was to be expected, the Chicago papers were quite stingy with their space. One paper gave 22 lines to events of the opening day. I do not recall a single front page story. We did check the front pages one day and saw references

to graft, fight, murders, etc. But a convention representing more than 6,000,000 people and an attendance of around 15,000 although not ignored, was certainly not given the space to which it was entitled. We have a suspicion that if the meeting had been of another group much front page material would have been used.

So far as we recall the best coverage the SBC has ever had was given by the Memphis Commercial Appeal when the Convention last met in Memphis.

The highest peak for most of the messengers, as usual, was the Foreign Missions night. On that occasion the Foreign Mission secretary presented 72 new missionaries and thrilled the messengers with the announcement that by one year from now we would have in Japan the 100 missionaries which were requested last year. Dr. Baker James Cauthen, with his usual fervor, delivered the message and called for a pledge of cooperation in his appeal at the close. Apparently the response was unanimous as the messengers stood and with joined hands entered into a prayer of dedication to the world wide task of missions.

A noticeable enlarging emphasis in our convention continued in this annual meeting is upon the home. A portion of the Home Mission night program as well as another inspirational speaker's time was given to this emphasis. It is meeting with a cordial and earnest response on the part of the people.

As one came to the close of the convention, there was the impression of a noticeable contrast between Chicago and Oklahoma City on the part of the messengers. At Oklahoma City there seemed to be a keen alertness to every occasion where it was possible for the messengers to assert themselves, sometimes in direct defiance of their leaders and committees. At Chicago one sometimes heard the not too lovely expression, "rubber stamp." The messengers seemed to be almost casual about the receiving of reports. The president frequently called upon them to vote with more earnestness. Throughout the entire convention there was not a single discussion which could be called a debate. This may or may not be an excellent sign of harmony.

The convention hall in which we met provided the poorest accommodations in the memory of this messenger. Not only were the chairs almost jammed in the seating arrangement, but they were a very cheap variety and very uncomfortable. The fact that the passage ways were not separated from the meeting hall by walls kept a continuous noise which increased as the convention days neared the end. The public address system ap-

parently was of inferior quality, and acoustics of the building made it impossible for any speaker or singer to be at his best. With all the rosy promises about Chicago and the meeting places, many messengers were very disappointed in our meeting place. The one major exception to this general statement was in the stadium for our mass evangelistic service on Friday night. There were assembled approximately 25,000 people, at least 20,000 of whom were from the Chicago area, in a wonderful covered stadium comfortably and adequately equipped with an excellent sound system, which could be heard perfectly over the entire stadium except for the section above and behind the speakers. Warned only by the consciousness that we were paying \$5,000 per night rental, one was a bit disappointed in the fact that by the time Dr. Lee began to preach, a general exodus had begun. By the close of his sermon, at the very least, 500 people had walked out; and by the close of the invitation two-thirds of the entire congregation had left the building. The response to the appeal naturally was seriously hampered and those who came on some occasions almost had to fight their way down the aisle to get to the front. That there were many who came re-dedicating their lives and many who were saved is a tribute to the power of the Holy Spirit who worked in spite of the overwhelming lack of real concern.

It is impossible to state the value to Chicago of witnessing the stadium filled with 25,000 Baptist people at the Evangelistic Rally and perhaps the actual count of the visible results of the evening cannot accurately be measured because of the confusion mentioned before. But that the Holy Spirit blessed the effort with His power is beyond question.

Probably the greatest event of historical interest was the establishing of two new seminaries. There was a departure from previous experience in that both are established with buildings and equipment already on hand. The Southeastern Seminary on the Wake Forest College campus site is available this fall while the college is still in session there. The Golden Gate Seminary is in its third year of operation already, with 180 students reported as enrolled.

The Sunday School Board was commissioned to produce visual aids, which very probably in the indefinite future, will result in a widely expanded field of teaching and training available as Southern Baptist literature, probably including motion pictures.

The usual petition to the president of the V. S. to drop the office

of Ambassador to the Vatican was presented and probably adopted with more enthusiasm than any other resolution of the convention.

Evidently Mississippi doesn't rank very high in material if the number appearing on the prepared program is an indication. Mississippi had exactly one. And that one was on the program because he happened to be an officer of a convention organization. Other states having only one person on the program according to the summation prepared by the SB Press Representative were: Alabama and Florida.

States having only two were: Arkansas, District of Columbia, Illinois, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

States having more than two were: Georgia 6, Kentucky 8, Louisiana 5, Oklahoma 5, Tennessee 14, Texas 10.

Southern Baptists again demonstrated that Baptists can function as a great democratic body with individual freedom of expression and vote. So far as we could see there were no private plans nor undercover plots. The people were given a chance to speak out and to vote their convictions. Not every action went our way but nothing was railroaded through. However, there was not as much vetoing of committee action as was done at Oklahoma City in 1949.

The Convention was great in spirit. Illinois Baptists were doing all they could to show that "If I'd a knew you were coming I'd a baked a cake." And every messenger and visitor was trying to show his appreciation and admiration. No feelings were hurt, nor were any harsh accusations made.

Evidently Conventions are an every-day affair with Chicago.

During convention week there were 17 conventions meeting in Chicago and three of them had headquarters in the Stevens Hotel which was the SBC headquarters.

Our Convention has long since passed the point where any considered action is possible by the messengers in session. It must be done by the committees appointed to work between annual meetings.

Concerning this Dr. J. W. Storey said:

"It is a matter of gratitude that the Committees take their work seriously, and bring the Convention the results of their faithful work, for final action. But what, except for very palatable and glaring errors, can the Convention do, other than adopt the reports. Actually, the days for deliberation by the Convention have long gone. We are too large, and our business is too complex. There is a danger here which we had best be watching. It breeds indifference. We have become spectators, rather

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Eight Months' Old Central Church In Hattiesburg Completes Two-Story Building



Central Church, Hattiesburg, was organized less than a year ago and has now completed a two-story educational plant and building. The new building, valued at \$45,000, provides 22 classrooms, 3 departmental assembly rooms, and an auditorium with a seating capacity of 400.

On May 15, 1949 a group of workers from Bouie Street Church met in the home of Mrs. P. B. Bond to organize a Sunday School. Sam J. Jones served as superintendent until a church was organized in August. The City Missions Committee of Hattiesburg gave \$500 to apply on the lot and construction was begun immediately.

Rev. C. E. Smith, who was responsible for its organization, held the first service in the building in October. Later he accepted the pastorate and has continued to serve. There are now 103 members. The Sunday School has 106 members and the Training Union 76.

Mr. Smith also led in the organization of Irene Chapel and Bouie Street Churches in Hattiesburg. He is still serving both Bouie Street and Central in their full-time program by holding services on Sunday morning at 10 a. m. at one and at 11 at the other and on Sunday evening at 6:45 and at 7:45. One church has prayer services on Wednesday, the other on Thursday. Claude Rhodes serves as Educational Director at Central

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than participators. And it furnishes fertile soil for a Dantonian appeal. Of course, Brother Danton got the axe, but he made a lot of trouble for Convention heads before his toppled!"

Southern Baptists Are Bible Baptists. No word of modernism did we hear. No speaker either in private or upon the platform spoke one word that did not ring true to the cherished principles for which Baptists have fought and died. They know what our Lord meant when he commended, "Go ye into ALL the world."

Church.

Mr. Smith was reared and educated in Alexandria, Louisiana.

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Outstanding Speakers For Home Mission Week At Ridgecrest

Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest this year is expected to reach a new high because of the outstanding program personnel. The Home Board's program, June 1-7, will again open the season at the Baptists' summer retreat.

RURAL CONFERENCES

Rural pastors and leaders will be pleased to know that Dr. Daniel Russell, professor of Agriculture at Texas A. and M. College and one of the outstanding leaders among rural professors of America, will be a speaker and conference leader. Dr. Russell, a Baptist deacon, not only knows and understands rural life, but is a superb interpreter of the Baptist program. Another outstanding speaker on the rural church conference will be Dr. T. B. Maston, professor of Sociology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also a layman and has a sane approach to the problems of the church in the rural areas.

URBAN LEADERSHIP

Those interested in the problems of the city will be helped and inspired by Dr. H. Henlee Barnette, professor of Sociology at Stetson University, recognized as one of the outstanding students of urban life. Dr. Barnette is now writing a book on Christ and the Urban Community. Dr. W. H. Knight, state secretary of Louisiana, will assist in the conferences on urban life.

INSPIRATION

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, will again be the inspirational speaker, bringing the challenging messages, which for the past two years have lifted the conference to a high spiritual level.

EVANGELISM

All pastors and leaders east of the Mississippi river should find the evangelistic conferences particularly helpful this year. Many of the men who helped conduct the recent simultaneous revival campaign west of the river, will be present to share their

Parkway Revival Has One-Day Meeting, 44 Workers Spend Week in Visitation, 41 People Join The Church

Unable to secure an evangelist for the selected dates, Parkway Church in Jackson, Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor, had a Visitation Evangelism Revival. Rather than the usual revival procedure—spending a day or two in prayer and visitation and a week in meetings—the Parkway people spent a week in prayer and visitation and one day in revival services.

On the one day of the Revival which was called "Membership" on "Commitment" Day, there were 41 additions, 17 for baptism.

During the week of visitation, in which 44 took part, the workers met at the church each night for supper, followed by 30 minutes of instruction. Assignments were made and workers were sent in teams of two to make their first visit at about 7:15. All workers returned to the church at 9 o'clock for reports and rejoicing.

During the week 240 prospects were visited; 50 promised to transfer letters and 25 made decisions for Christ. Within 15 days after "Commitment" Day a total of 68 had been added to the church, 29 for baptism.

Not only were new members enlisted, but the workers received great blessings. A deacon remarked, "Frankly, I was skeptical, thought I couldn't do it. But I've got the swing of it now; I can do my visiting on my own." Another was impressed with the difference between this type of visiting, which he called "visitation for a verdict," and the usual "good-will" visitation program. Sunday School Superintendent stated that he was helped by the instructions given beforehand, letting the workers know how to approach and how to deal with typical situations.

experiences with those now planning for a similar crusade in which every Baptist church east of the River will be expected to join in a simultaneous revival March 25—April 8, 1951.

CHAPLAINS

The message of Army Chief of Chaplains, Major General Roy H. Parker, should be especially enlightening and challenging in view of the critical condition of world affairs. Chaplain Parker is not only one of the outstanding men in the United States Army, but as a Southern Baptist he is qualified to fit his message to the needs of those attending the conference at Ridgecrest.

MISSIONARIES

Conferences on Good Will Center work, Schools of Missions, Jewish work and the Negro mission program will also be conducted. At least six missionaries from the home mission fields will speak, as well as other outstanding leaders including: Mrs. George R. Martin, president of Womans' Missionary Union; John Maguire, state secretary of Florida; Harry P. Stagg, executive secretary of New Mexico; and J. B. Turner, member of the Home Mission Board from North Carolina.

Whether you work in the city or the country, whether a preacher or a layman, Home Mission Conference at Ridgecrest has something to offer you.

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PROVIDENCE, R. I. — (RNS) — THE Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. opposed the naming of a successor to Myron C. Taylor as presidential envoy to the Vatican. Copies of the resolution, adopted at a special session of the presbytery, will be sent to President Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Rhode Island senators at Washington.

"...I'd a Baked a Cake"



Shown above is the birthday cake of the Glade Church, Jones county, which celebrated its third anniversary on April 29. Wayne Griffin was given the honor of lighting the candles and holding the cake because of his perfect attendance record in Sunday School. He has not missed a Sunday since the organization of the church. Rev. Fred Williams is the pastor.

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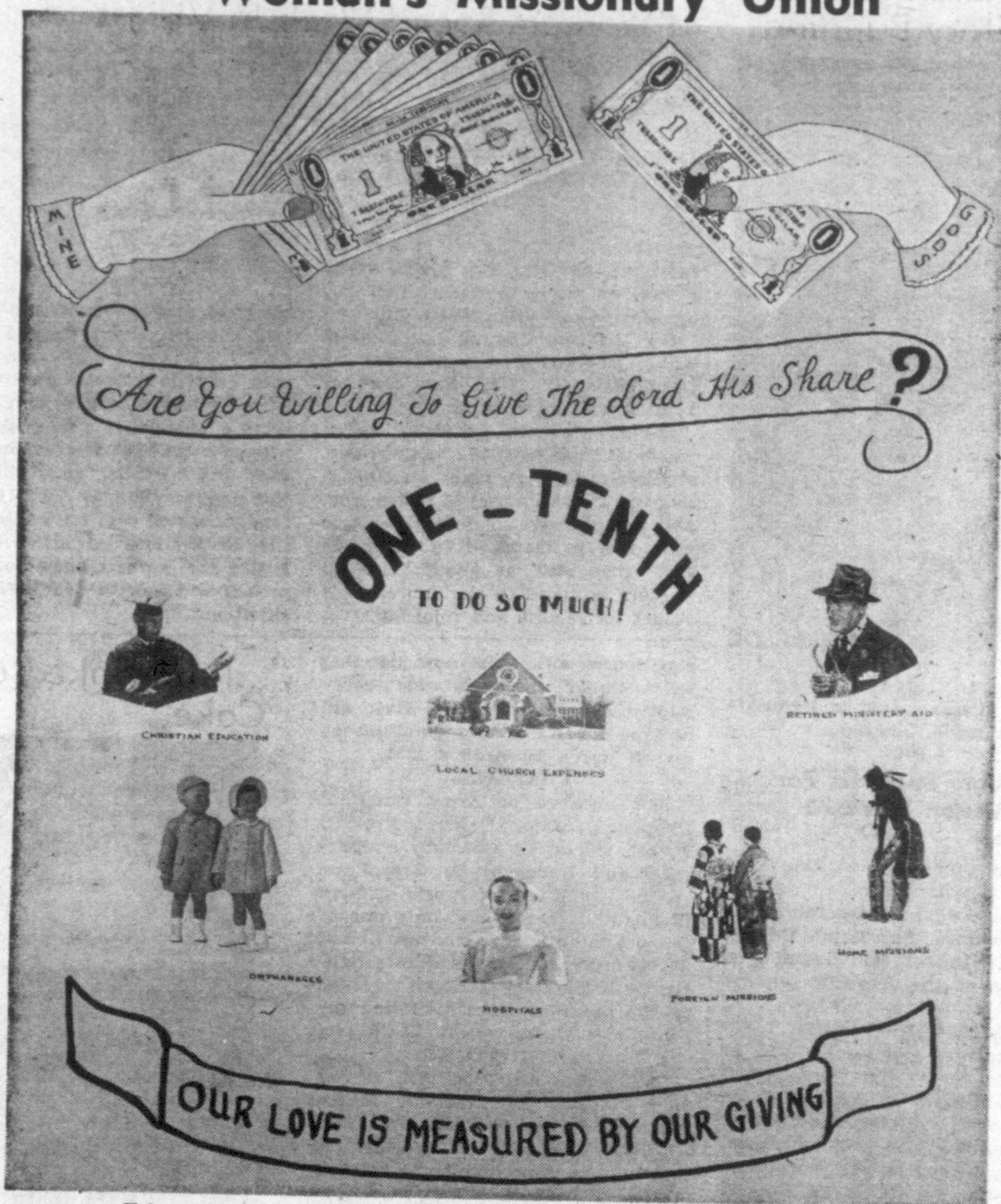
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CAMP GARAYWA

Kemper Associational WMU sent a lovely GE iron for use at camp—thanks for such a thoughtful gift.

DeSoto Associational WMU gave a most generous supply of sheets and pillow cases to Camp Garaywa. This thanks for such a thoughtful gift.

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Pontotoc Associational WMU gave two, forty cup electric coffee urns to camp that we use with much gratitude.

LATEST NEWS FROM MO KWONG HOME FOR BLIND GIRLS IN CANTON, CHINA

Mrs. T. C. Lowrey

Under date of January 3, 1950, Miss Flora E. Dodson, Superintendent-Treasurer of Mo Kwong writes: "We are indeed thankful that we are able, so far, to go on with the regular work, and have been told that Christian work can continue. Friends here—individuals and some groups—gave some Christmas money for Mo Kwong and we are using it to buy each of them a pair of shoes. They were needing shoes badly. Then the National Blind Welfare Association have helped us some right along, so we have been able to get along. Do

not worry—I'm sure the Lord will supply our needs.

A few days ago one of the girls who has been working in a church out in the country was brought back to the Home with T. B. She had had some hemorrhages—and had coughed only about two months. We did not know that she had it at all. And we have not the facilities for taking care of the T. B. folks, but we do have them separated from the others and are having them to take shots of medicine from the doctor. We are so sorry about this girl—had thought she was one of the stronger ones. She had been out at that church for about one and a half years and was doing good work. They had a very nice Christmas. We gave each of them a large drinking cup, a tooth brush, a towel and a large piece of soap. Candy and oranges and peanuts and cakes were given by various friends. They had a good dinner, and gave a nice Christmas program. They sing beautifully, you know. Dr. Belote has helped them some with their music, and so have two or three others. We have not been able to get a music teacher for them this fall. We have asked Dr. Belote to be a member of our board of trustees and he is very helpful.

We are still thankful that regular

work may be carried on. Much depends on the prayers of the Christian people, for God does work in answer to prayer. We especially need wisdom from Him for every day and every step of the way. I am sure you will not fail us in the days ahead, nor will He.

Blessings upon you all!

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No. Central Pastors To Meet June 5

The North Central Pastors' Conference will meet on June 5 at 10 o'clock at Mathiston. Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III will lead in New Testament Studies and Rev. Paul Cranford will bring the morning message.

Following lunch, which is scheduled at 12:15, a message will be brought by Dr. W. P. Davis and a doctrinal message by Rev. George Moseley.

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NEARLY ALL OF THE TWENTY-seven Christian schools in Japan which suffered destruction during the war years have been partially restored and are carrying on with greatly enlarged enrollments.



Shown above is the sign on Highway 63 which directs passers-by to the Agricola Church in George county. A sign has also been placed on the church. Rev. O. B. Robertson is the pastor.

Woodville Revival Adds 23; New Records Made In Attendance

The Woodville Church held its annual revival April 30-May 7, with the pastor, Rev. O. B. Beverly doing the preaching and Rev. Newell Massey, Mississippi College student, leading the singing.

There were 23 additions, 19 on profession of faith; one volunteered for special service and many rededicated their lives.

A goal of 300 was set for Sunday School and was exceeded by two. A new record in Training Union attendance was reached with 136 attending.

Pastor Beverly came to the church 14 weeks ago. During this time there have been 49 additions. The Sunday School has grown from 90 to 302 and the Training Union from 15 to 136.

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13 Mississippians Graduate At Mather School of Nursing

The Faculty and Senior Class of the Mather School of Nursing of the Southern Baptist Hospital will hold their graduation exercises Monday evening, June 5, at 8 o'clock in the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans. Dr. Oscar W. Bethea of New Orleans, Louisiana will give the address.

There are sixty-four members in the class. The names and cities of those in Mississippi are:

Bobbie Jean Allen, Wesson; Rose Mary Anding, Hazelhurst; Mollie Ruth Burrus, Gulfport; Sophia Inez Cantwell, Tyler-town; Jerry Lee Collins, Biloxi; E. Paige Evans, Bethany; Joyce Ruth Flynt, Mt. Olive; Ranelle Kendrick, Gulfport; Bonnie Lou Odom, Ellisville; Jewell Grant Ott, Wiggins; Mary Nell Padgett, Ellisville; Dorothy Ruth Smith, McNeill; Geneva Varner, Terry.

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PARKWAY TRAINING UNION SPONSORS MISSION PROGRAM

The Training Union of the Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, G. Norman Price, pastor and Earl Clark, Director is sponsoring a mission program that has brought joy and thrill to all the members of the union, for it is a program that all can have a part in. Mr. Clark presented the matter of the union adopting a missionary project that would bring a definite blessing to multitudes throughout the years to come. This program is to give scholarships to deserving students in our schools and seminaries in some of our foreign fields. The first was to give a scholarship to a student in Brazil. The young lady who was selected is Miss Anna Soares who is a student in the Training School at Rio. In a letter Miss Soares said that she had surrendered her life to full time religious work, but that she was one of a large family and her parents could not send her to school, nor was her father willing for her to become a Christian worker. She knew God had called her and that this scholarship strengthened her faith for it made it possible for her to continue her studies. She expressed a deep feeling of gratitude.

The members of the training union are also paying a part of the expenses of Gerda Mitt, native of Brazil who will work for five months this summer. She will work among twenty one churches, organizing and strengthening Training Unions, Sunday Schools and WMU's. This young lady is highly recommended by Miss Minnie Landrum (Mississippian), WMU Secretary for Brazil.

From Argentina—The International Seminary which serves four or five countries in South America, of which W. L. Cooper (Mississippian) is president has received check from the Parkway Union for a scholarship. They are to select the student to be helped and send the name in.

Mr. Clark has written to John Allen Moore (Mississippian) Zurich, Switzerland, and they hope to help pay the expenses of a student in the seminary there. Mr. Clark says this missionary project has put more spirit into the Training Union than anything they have ever done as an organization. The offerings are all over and above their regular gifts to the church budget.

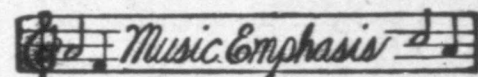
Associational Director John S. Williams, of Warren county reports a newly organized union at Kings Mission. This is good associational work, and really the greatest challenge for most of our associational organizations, especially the associations who have a large number of churches without a union. The meetings of an association should be but means toward establishing more and better unions. Congratulations Mr. Williams.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ernest Barton and the Rocky Mt. Church of Calhoun county for a new training union in this church. Following the organization a good study course was held with an enrollment of 60 and average attendance of 45. The officers elected, T. C. Ferguson, director; Fred Haire, secretary; Mrs. T. C. Ferguson, pianist; Leo Tutor, adult president;

Miss Myrtis Logan, Intermediate leader; Mrs. Leo Tutor and Mrs. Eurice McCormick, Junior leader. Brother A. F. Brasher is the pastor. He has four churches and all have a Training Union.

Question: When and how should the Officers Council be held?

Answer: The time for the officers council should be soon after the meeting of the Executive Committee meeting. The time of month and time of week will be determined by the local church as consideration for other meetings of the church will have to be considered. The plan can be any of several, but one good plan is as follows—6:30 p. m. All general committees (except executive committee which met a day or two earlier) meet. At same time all program committees meet. 7:00 Simultaneous meeting of officers of individual unions. 7:45 general assembly with reports from general officers and from heads of individual unions. Close with social or inspirational talk.



MUSIC IN THE DISTRICT FESTIVALS

Remember? The District Music Festivals are close at hand. The District Training Union Conventions and Music Festivals are listed as follows: West Heights, Pontotoc—June 5, Baldwyn—June 6, West Point—June 7, Philadelphia—June 8th, Newton—June 9th, Lucedale—12th, 1st Pascagoula—13th, Bunker Hill—14th, Liberty—15th, Steens Creek, Florence—16th, Davis Memorial, Jackson—19th, Durant—20, Calvary, Greenwood—21st, Ruleville—22nd, Hernando—23rd. These conventions begin in the afternoon at 1:30 and close 8:55 p. m.

Remember Junior Hymn Players: You are to play beginning at 1:45 in the afternoon. Be sure to be present ahead of time if at all possible, and report to W. C. Morgan for registration as soon as you arrive at the church. Prepare your hymn according to the rules on the Music Emphasis Sheet. Copies may be secured by writing to The Music Section of Training, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

Remember Small Ensembles: You are to sing on the program beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon. Please report to W. C. Morgan as soon as you arrive at the church for registration. Remember you will be a part of the mass chorus at the close of the evening session, and you should come with plans made to remain for this event if possible.

Remember Intermediate Hymn Players: You are to appear on the program beginning 7:15 p. m. This is close to the beginning of the evening session, and you should report to W. C. Morgan as soon as you arrive and register for the hymn playing. Follow the rules on the Music Emphasis.

Remember Large Ensembles: You are to sing at 8:05 p. m. All ensembles with 13 or more members will be in this group. Please register as soon as you arrive at the church. Remember the Mass Festival comes at the close of the evening session.

Merrill To Macon, Aultman To Preach In Revival Meeting



GLENN MERRILL

Glenn Merrill of Mississippi College and Meridian begins work with First Church, Macon on June 1 as Choir and Youth Leader. Mr. Merrill finished his course at Mississippi College the past semester, and plans to go to a seminary after one year of experience on the field. He was with Macon in this capacity for a revival meeting last year and endeared himself to pastor and people.

Macon Baptists are looking forward with gladness to the fellowship with this fine young man in the business of our Lord.

Plans are being completed now for revival services beginning June 4.

Pastor Howard Aultman of Holly Springs is to do the preaching. The singing will be under the direction of Glenn Merrill.

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Winfred Moore Leads North Oxford Church In Revival Meeting

During the five nights of May 15-19, the North Oxford Baptist Church was engaged in a Spring Revival in which Rev. Winfred Moore was the visiting preacher and Pastor G. M. Crawford led the singing. Mr. Moore is the pastor of the Harrisburg Church, Tupelo. During the meeting there were 16 additions to the church, 14 for baptism and two by letter.

Pastor Crawford led a fine Junior Choir of 40 children each night before the services and they sang in the services each night. Several of these young folks were among those who were saved.

This brings the total membership of this young church to sixty-three. The church building lacks about \$3,000 worth of materials to be finished. The church is also in desperate need of pews and church furniture. They are using now chairs donated by First Church, Oxford, and some borrowed benches from Yellow Leaf Church. Anyone knowing of some good used church pews and furniture for sale, please communicate with Mr. J. S. Rogers, Church Treasurer, Oxford, or Rev. G. M. Crawford, Pastor, Holly Springs.

Evon Ingram Is Miss. Assoc. Missionary



Evon Ingram

Rev. Evon Ingram has begun his work as Associational Missionary of Mississippi Assoc. He is a native of Magee and a graduate of Mississippi College. He also attended the New Orleans Seminary.

Former Mississippi pastorates include Sharon, Lyman and Woolmarket churches in the Gulf Coast Association.

He succeeded Rev. Sam Waggoner who resigned as assoc. missionary to accept the pastorate of Petal-Harvey Church, Hattiesburg.

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Collinsville VBS Has 106 Enrolled

Collinsville Church in Lauderdale county enrolled 106 in a Vacation Bible School, which has recently closed.

The offering totalled \$16.50 and has been sent to Clarke College to apply on a new dormitory for men.

Those attending enjoyed handwork, Bible study, choruses, recreation and refreshments which were served each day by the ladies.

Rev. Edward McKeithen was the principal.

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By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO

Student L. G. Gates of the Louisville Seminary will supply the Senobia Church in the absence of their pastor, Rev. W. E. Ellis, who has been voted a leave of absence to visit Europe.

40 YEARS AGO

The Logtown Church closed its annual revival meeting with nine additions, seven for baptism, in which Pastor J. H. Patton had as helper Rev. Webb Brame of Long Beach.

Rev. B. L. McKee, after graduating from the Southern Seminary, returns to Mississippi to become pastor of Gunnison and Rosedale churches.

25 YEARS AGO

The Belzoni Church closes their meeting with 36 additions, 21 for baptism. The pastor (not named) was assisted by Evangelist E. C. Wolfe and singer A. H. Doty of Jackson.

Forty-four additions, 17 for baptism resulted from a meeting at Sumrall when Pastor N. J. Lee was assisted by Rev. Wayne Alliston and singers Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Rockwell.

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EAST MCCOMB MOVES FORWARD

"Our goal for Sunday School awards this year is 500, and by the time we teach the Vacation Bible School Guide we will be over the top as we now have 479," says Mrs. E. C. Edwards, who is doing a fine part in their educational program.

In sending in the latest report for awards, Mrs. Edwards also gave the names of a large number who are now due their diplomas, and stated, "these will be the first diplomas ever received in this church and the people are certainly looking forward to them."

Training workers is as vital to building a good Sunday School as a foundation is to a building. As we provide space and train the leaders, we can build bigger and better schools.

NO INACTIVE ROLLS

Some classes, especially Adult, have two rolls for the class; one an active roll and the other an inactive roll.

This should never be done under any circumstances. The only possible reason for such is to improve the grade of the class.

Surely, we are for better grades as much as any one, but we are not for better grades at the expense of something that is far more important.

It is always well for us to keep clearly before us that the purpose of all Sunday School work is to help people, and we will never help them by keeping those who are irregular in attendance on a separate roll, which is simply another way of saying that the class gives but little, if any, attention to them.

Those who are irregular in attendance need help more than those who are regular. Remember: Jesus gave us the story of the shepherd who went after the one lost sheep, and not those that were already in the fold. This will also apply to irregular Christians.

ONE MORE MILESTONE

May 20 closed another year for the state Sunday School Secretary in this work, making twenty-six years he has been with the Sunday School Department. So we began our twenty-seventh year on May 21.

These have been great years to us. We are so constantly reminded of the goodness of our God and the helpfulness of the people as we have had the privilege of being fellow workers in a great and good cause.

The cooperation of the people have enabled us to see much growth, development and progress during these years. May all of us work even harder in the years that remain for us. Thanks to all for every help.

MEET THE LEADERS

We are giving below the churches that have led in Sunday School training course awards for the first seven months of this Sunday School year—October 1 to April 30. We are also giving in each case the number of awards received, according to reports in our office:

East McComb, 485; Parkway, Jackson, 464; Pascagoula, First, 368; Columbus, First, 318; Meridian, First,

267; Jackson Calvary, 167; Hattiesburg, Main Street, 165; New Albany, First, 165; Kosciusko, First, 165; Jackson, First 159; Gulfport, First, 126; McComb, First, 123; Biloxi, First, 122; Laurel, First, 121; Philadelphia, First, 112; Greenwood, Calvary, 103; Crystal Springs, 102.

From this record it is easy to see that leading is not necessarily a matter of size, for the ones that are showing the way are not the largest churches in the state.

To all these fine pastors, superintendents, other officers, teachers, and educational directors we extend sincere congratulations on the good work of training their people for better work.

INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES

In a 1948 Gallup Poll of eleven nations, 94 per cent of the American people believe in God, but only 68 per cent believe in life after death. In France, only 68 per cent of those polled believe in God. It also showed that more older than younger people believe in God, and more rural than urban.

A survey in Great Britain shows that 46.8 per cent regard radio broadcast religious services as a substitute for church attendance. And of those professing to be in the Church of England, only one in 13 indicated regular church attendance.

The group in the 65 year and over class in the U. S. has increased by five per cent during the past 100 years. More people are living longer than ever. This is most important in reaching adults for Sunday School, and makes closer grading of them more imperative than ever.

If you have not counted lately, the Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 773,692 words, 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books. The word "Lord" appears 1855 times, the word "and" 4,627 times.

Don't believe it? Well, count them for yourself, then.

ONE THING MORE

When the great Patrick Henry's will was read, it was found to conclude with these words: "There is one thing more I wish I could give you. It is the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ. With it—if you have nothing else—you could be happy. Without it, though you had all things else, you could not be happy."

WORTH CONSIDERING

Dean Inge once observed, "A common blunder is to spend ourselves on things which are not worthless but are not worth the time they take."

Another one has said, "I spent so much time teaching him how to walk, that I forgot to teach him where to walk."

"Ideals are like the stars, we never reach them, but like the mariners on the sea, we chart our course by them."

A DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP WAS taken recently by members of the two men's Bible Classes of the Handsboro Church, Gulf Coast Association. Another trip will be made in July. Rev. John Dearing is the pastor.

Douglas to Magnolia



REV. WM. T. DOUGLAS

Rev. Wm. T. Douglas has resigned from the Brooksville Baptist Church to accept the call of the First Baptist Church of Magnolia. He will remain in Brooksville until June 1 in order to be there for the VBS and the Revival.

Mr. Douglas came to Brooksville three years ago after completing his work at the Southern Seminary at Louisville, Ky. While in the Seminary he was pastor of the church at Belmont, Kentucky.

While he has been in Brooksville he has also been pastor of Deerbroke, a church which grew out of the Brooksville Church, and has led in the completion of the building and in the purchasing of factory made pews.

Under his leadership the Brooksville Church has experienced a growth along all lines. The attendance at the worship services and in the organizations has grown. During this time the church has done much re-decorating. Much of the emphasis of Mr. Douglas' leadership has been with the young people, from which there has been a fine response.

Mrs. Douglas is the former Martha Sampson, of Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas have two children; Martha Gayle, 5, and William Dennis, 3.

The Magnolia Church is going on with the regular program till the new pastor can come. Mr. W. O. Coussens, the Sunday School Superintendent, has announced a Bible School for May 29-June 2. Rev. Wm. G. Watson of McComb will serve as principal.

The Magnolia Church became vacant when Dr. John Maddox accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Picayune.

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Hermanville Baptists Oppose Alcohol

Hermanville Baptists have taken a definite stand against beer in their community. Rev. W. L. Holcomb, State Temperance Secretary, led in a series of services at the church April 24-30. The people were prompted to call a meeting for May 3 to discuss what action might be taken. The county attorney was invited.

At that meeting a committee was appointed to meet with the Board of Supervisors on May 4. The town was zoned and an ordinance drawn up opposing the sale of any alcoholic beverage. On May 6 all dealers were notified that such sales were illegal as of that hour.

River Avenue Has Mother's Day Program; Ordains Four Deacons

River Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, had a full-day's program on Mother's Day, May 14. The pastor, Rev. Garland McInnis, preached to crowded congregations at both the morning and evening services and in the afternoon an ordination service was held for four deacons.

Recognition was given to the oldest mother present, Mrs. Janie Hegwood, 83; to the youngest mother present, Mrs. Hershel Breazele, 16; and to the mother of the largest family, Mrs. B. B. Hennington who is the mother of 8.

There were 11 additions, 8 from one family. At the close of the evening service 11 were baptized by the pastor.

At the afternoon service, Rev. Burl S. Colley, pastor of Buck Creek Church in Perry county, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Q. C. Barrett, pastor of Green's Creek Church, given the charge. Certificates of ordination were presented by Rev. Emmett Boone, asst. pastor of River Avenue Church, Hattiesburg. The hand of Christian fellowship was extended by the congregation.

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BMCers Take Part In Summer Service

Blue Mountain, Miss.—Blue Mountain College students have volunteered for various phases of religious work this summer as follows: Camp Garaywa—Jocelyn Osteen, Portageville, Mo.; Martha Huggins, Oxford; Jean Black, Oxford; and Peggy Laurence, Laurel.

Youth Revivals—Faye Wilkes, Meridian; Mertice Baker, Clanton, Ala.; Barbara Birt, Greenwood; Helen Henderson, Safford; Mary Alice Gray, Shannon; Rosalind May Owens, Moulton, Ala.; Jean Lipsey, Memphis, Tenn.; Mary Jane Nethery, Tupelo.

State Sunday School Department—Floretta Clarkson, Clifton Forge, Va.; Mary Frances Palmer, Baldwin; Vonnelle Hire, Vardaman.

Summer missionaries for the Baptist Home Mission Board—Eloise Ellis, West Point, in Arizona; Doris Mahanes, Hilton Village, Va., in Texas; and Mamie Lou Eubanks, Mobile, Ala., in New Mexico.

State Training Union Department—Floretta Clarkson; Willie Vesta Winslett, Laurel; and Betty Jane Rodgers, Yazoo City.

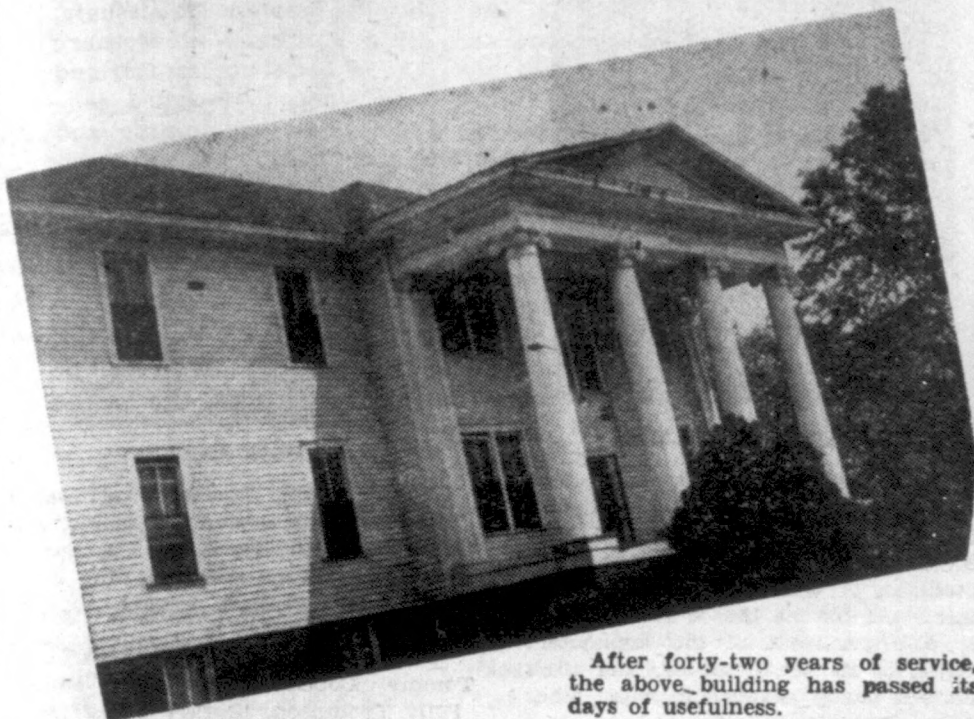
Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly staff—Nancy Jo Wallis, Harrisburg, Ill.; Faye Barnes, Leesburg, Fla.; and Minnie Lou Hanks, Atmore, Ala. Student week at Ridgecrest—Shirley Wieland, Trenton, Tenn.; Martha Huggins; Jean Black; and Mary Jane Nethery.

**SUNDAY,
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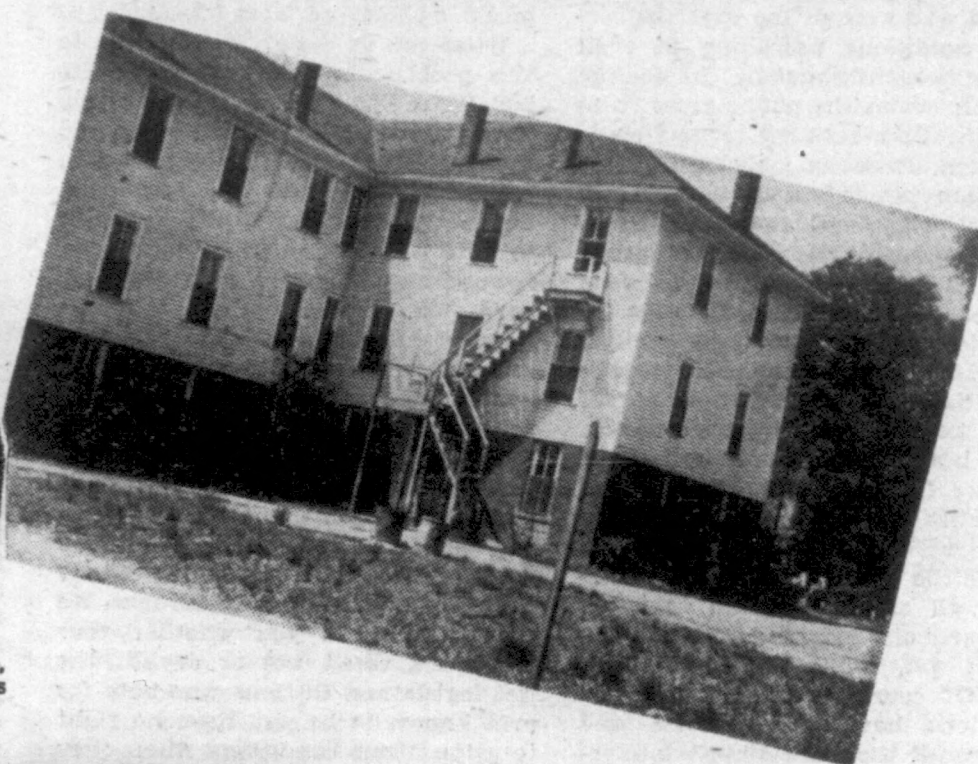
is a day of unusual importance for Southern Baptists. Special Cooperative Program Offering

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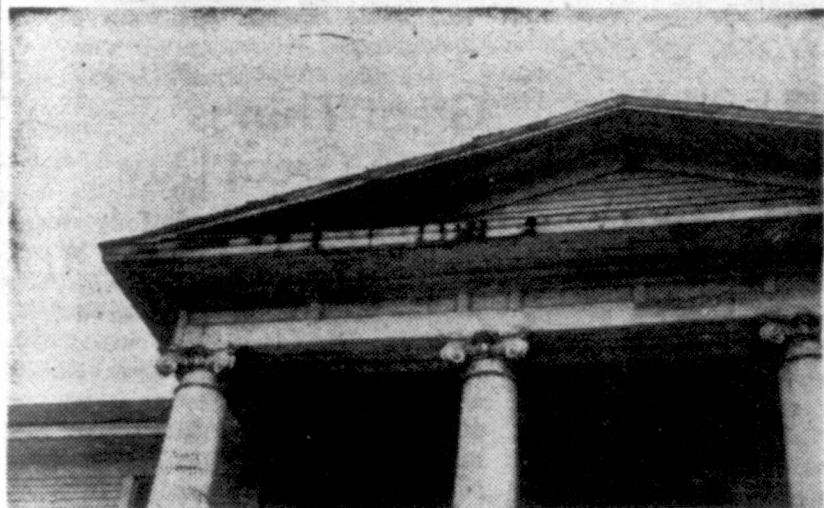
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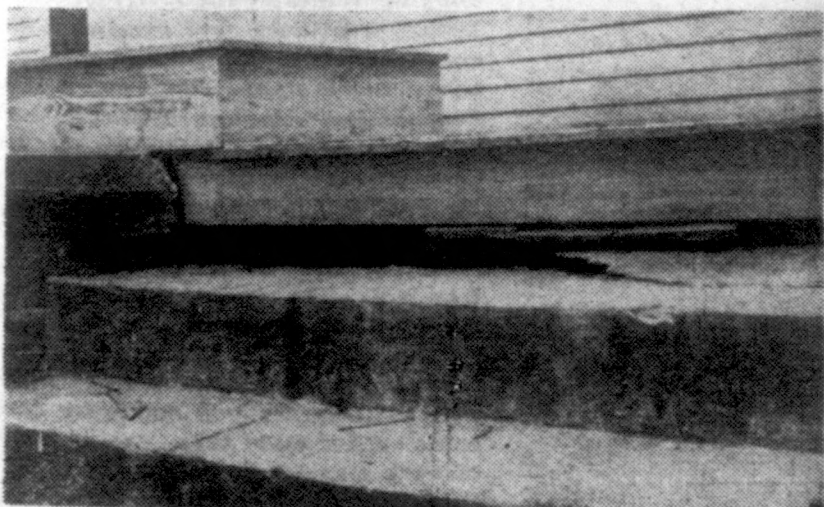
After forty-two years of service, the above building has passed its days of usefulness.



The only means of escape from this third story, fire hazardous building is by means of the wooden fire escape shown here.



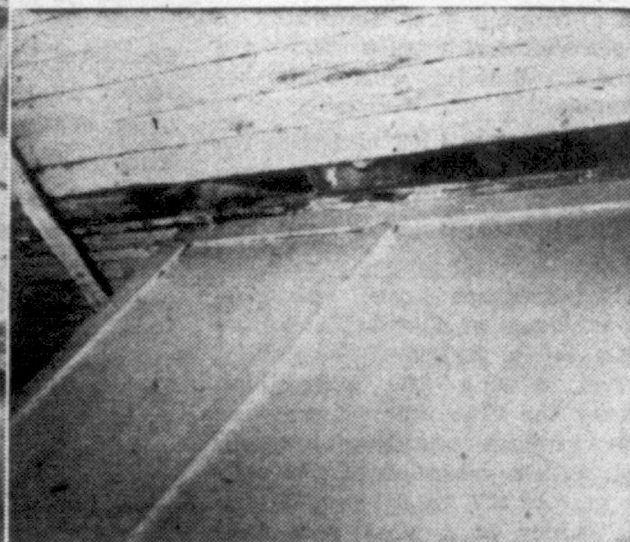
The rotting roof of the porch resulting from old age and lack of repairs in proper time.



Foundation of the column at the breaking point.



Eighty young men attempt to use two unsanitary, poorly equipped bathrooms, one of which is pictured above.



Plumbing which is beyond repair in the bathroom above has caused leaks to rot out the floor and ceiling, and drainage drips into the room below occupied by students.

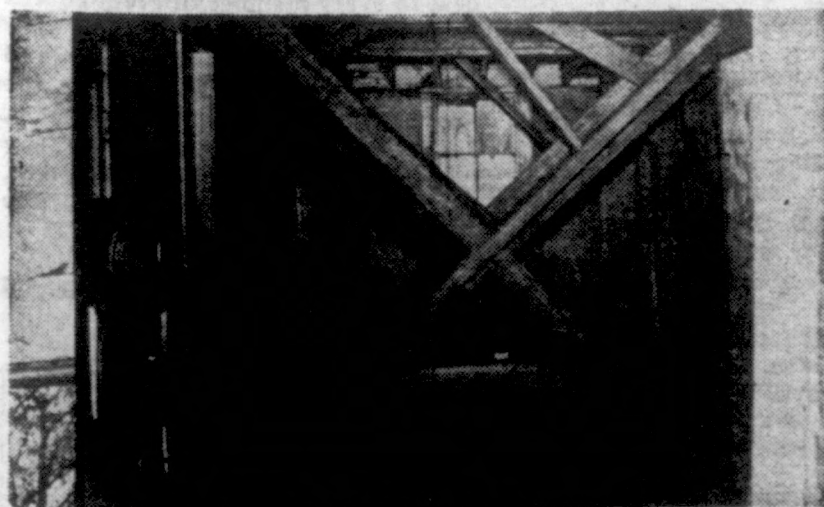
EMERGENCY EXISTS AT CLARKE COLLEGE

For some time the administration of Clarke College has been reluctantly letting it be known that the building used as the boys' dormitory is in a very dilapidated condition. Even before our engineers condemned the front part of it two years ago, the girls had been transferred to McLaurin Hall which had formerly been used by the boys. (This was done not because the lives of the girls were valued above those of the boys, but because it was considered that the boys might be better able to care for themselves in an emergency). The building has been used, but only because considerable truss work was done on the steps and front porch, the main entrance to the building. Some weeks ago some members of the Education Commission visited the campus and found conditions that prompted the Commission's president, Dr. Frank Moody Purser, to write Dr. W. E. Greene, President of Clarke, as follows:

"At the meeting referred to, the Commission adopted a motion to the effect that the administration of Clarke College was to be advised that it is the opinion of the Commission that the building used presently as the men's dormitory should be closed at the end of the present session. Of course the Commission has no desire to interfere with the internal management of the college, but the members of the Commission who visited Clarke were definitely of the opinion that the building referred to is in a very dangerous condition, and that its condition probably does not justify any repair work. The Commission therefore is simply rendering an opinion to be passed on to you and your administrative force."

The administration and trustees are daring to let Mississippi Baptists know of this emergency for four reasons: (1) Clarke College belongs to Mississippi Baptists; (2) Mississippi Baptists need and want to know the condition of their institutions; (3) Mississippi Baptists appreciate what Clarke Memorial College is doing under handicapped circumstances; (4) Mississippi Baptists, when they know of the dire need of this institution, will rise up and do something about it.

We would like to make clear here, however, that satisfactory, temporary accommodations will be made to take care of as many boys as have been housed in the boys' building this year. The only permanent solution to the problem is a new dormitory.



Truss work preventing the porch from collapsing.

Department of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director
BOX 538 — PHONE 3-9106 — JACKSON

The Christian people in a dry Mississippi county are very much concerned and wrought up over the corrupt conditions prevailing in their county brought about by the corrupt officials whom the public knew to be unfaithful servants before they elected them. It is amazing that many Christian people will close their eyes to the background and character of men seeking public office and vote, either blindly or through prejudice, for unworthy men. Tragedy is the inevitable consequence when such is done. This is true in one county where the citizens knew that the men for whom they were voting were crooks. These had previously been unfaithful in office. On the other hand, they had opponents who had proven themselves to be trustworthy officers who would enforce the laws of the county. Practically all of the qualified voters of this particular county are Christian people; yet, they elected unworthy men. Of course, with such officers conditions have grown worse and worse until they are almost intolerable. Good people, therefore, are now seeking to improve their conditions.

To appeal to such unworthy law enforcement officers is like the people of old crying unto Baal for help.

What can be done? The solution to this problem is found at the ballot box. When God's people take seriously their responsibility to God and to their country, a new day will dawn in our land. Every citizen ought to vote, and every Christian especially, ought to vote only for men of character, reputation, and honor. What America needs today is statesmen, not politicians. Remember that ours is a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." The conditions are what we make them.

Next year is election year. New officers shall be elected. We should begin now our effort to elect God fearing, God honoring, crime hating, and liquor hating men to office. Study the records of those in office now. We are able to tell you whether your legislators voted wet or dry in the last legislature. Citizens who vote for men known to be wet have no right to gripe about conditions when they become unbearable. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

SOUTHERN BAPTIST GAINS (Continued From Page One)

year to reach 1,235,438.

Enrolment in the Woman's Missionary Union climbed 10 per cent during 1949 to reach 943,135, a gain of 86,803 during the year. According to the associational reports, there are now 14,312 churches with WMU organizations.

There are now 4,153 churches reporting Brotherhoods, with a membership of 142,402, a 19 per cent gain in enrolment over 1948.

Value of church property took the biggest percentage jump, with property valuation of churches and parsonages owned by Southern Baptist churches passing the half-billion mark for the first time. There were 25,889 churches reporting property owned, with a valuation of \$548,261,564, a gain of \$97,772,047 over 1948.

The supply of pastors was more adequate in 1949. Of the 27,286 churches with pastors at the time the annual reports were made, as compared with 23,362 churches with pastors in 1948. The average salary paid the pastor of the full-time church in 1949 was \$2,199, compared with \$2,139 for the preceding year.

Southern Baptist Church members were more generous with their gifts during 1949, with total gifts reaching \$178,337,307, a gain of 14.6 per cent over 1948. Gifts to missions and benevolences climbed from \$30,605,598 in 1948 to \$31,316,818 in 1949. But the per capita gift to missions and benevolences dropped from \$4.72 in 1948 to \$4.63 in 1949.

Of the 27,285 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, 14,494 are located in the open country, 4,908 located in villages of less than 500 population, 3,475 are located in towns of 501-2,500 population, and 4,408 are located in cities of 2,501 or above. The median size church has 167 members.

4,606 In Orphanages

A total of 86.8 per cent of the open country churches have pastor, compared with 86.2 last year. Eighty-six

per cent of the village churches have pastors; 89.6 per cent of the town churches have pastors; and only 92 per cent of the city churches have pastors, compared with 94.5 last year.

The 20 orphanages operated by Southern Baptist state conventions report property valued at \$11,192,603. They are caring for 4,606 children. They received \$3,022,020 for operations in 1949.

Southern Baptists now operate 26 hospitals valued at \$43,440,023. They report debt of \$4,074,144, and are now planning extensions at \$16,956,925. During 1949, the hospitals reported 107,864 surgical cases, and 1,639,304 patient days of service. They reported 20,604 charity patients. There were 32,886 babies born in Southern Baptist hospitals in 1949.

The three seminaries and training school operated by Southern Baptists reported 3,174 enrolled for the fall semester, with a total of 2,108 ministerial students. They report total property and endowment valued at \$86,751,559. The 24 junior colleges report an enrolment of 46,285, with 3,354 ministerial students. They report property and endowment valued at \$386,751,559. The 24 junior colleges sponsored by Southern Baptists report 11,451 students, with 926 ministerial students. They report endowment and property valued at \$20,420,045. The academies and Bible schools have 1,549 students, with 198 ministerial students, and have property and endowment valued at \$3,061,459.

The total number of men studying for the ministry in Southern Baptist schools totaled 6,586. This does not include Baptist men studying for the ministry in non-Baptist schools or the students in the Golden Gate Theological Seminary.

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SEND AN OFFERING TO SUPPLEMENT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS JUNE 11.

NO CHURCH IS MORE POWERFUL THAN IT IS PRAYERFUL.



MR. PETE STEELMAN

The highest honor that could come to a student at Clarke Memorial College is to be chosen Mr. C. M. C. Pete Steelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Steelman of Ocean Springs, received this honor for the 1949-50 session. Pete is also president of the Sophomore Class, is an active pastor, and finds himself busily engaged in many other extra-curricula activities.

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Baptist Work Grows In Warren County

Five years ago Warren county had only five churches. Now there are eight full-time churches and three full-time missions; one of these, King's Mission, is soon to be organized as a church.

East Mission is sponsored by the Bowmar Avenue Church, and is led by the Associational Missionary, Rev. Phil J. Walker, as are all of the missions. Mr. Walker is leading a revival there this week. Rev. Lee Chambers, Bowmar Avenue pastor, is leading the singing.

The City Cemetery Mission, sponsored by the First Church, has acquired a lot from the city and plans to erect a building soon. A revival will be held May 28-June 2.

Associational Missionary Walker finds directing the activities of these missions to be a full-time job. He preaches at two regular services at Kings Mission every Sunday and Sunday School and Training Union are held at the regular hours. On Sunday afternoon the East Mission has Sunday School at 2:30 and preaching at 3:30. City Cemetery Mission reverses these hours, thus making it possible for the Associational Missionary to preach at both missions each Sunday. He also leads prayer meeting services at all three: one on Tuesday, one on Thursday and the third on Friday.

Dr. D. S. Haworth, pastor of First Church; P. E. Cunningham, Assoc. Sunday School Superintendent; J. P. White, First Church Sunday School Superintendent, and Charles Jennings, Kings Mission S. S. Supt., assisted in the organization of a Sunday School at City Cemetery on May 7.

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"THE OSYKA CHURCH, PIKE County Association, in recent business conference, voted to increase the church's giving to the Co-operative Program from 10 per cent of receipts to 15 per cent."

SILVER ANNIVERSARY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MAKE SPECIAL OFFERING JUNE 11 OR NEAREST CONVENIENT SUNDAY

Editor of the Seer



JAMIE TYNES

Jamie Tynes, freshman at Clarke Memorial College and son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tynes of Poplarville, has been chosen editor of The Seer, the Clarke College Annual, for the session of 1950-51.

Other members of the Seer Staff are: Tommy Copeland, assistant editor; Polly Thompson, literary editor; Mrs. George Horn, business manager; Fabia Rue Jones, typist; and Ruby Joyce Dukes, typist.

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Great Things For A Great Day

"Surely we are planning big things for Cooperative Program Day in our church," writes Pastor Henry W. Tiffany of Park Place Church, Norfolk, Virginia. "This is a great day, which calls for a great celebration. But it also calls for an offering commensurate with the significance of the day, and the importance of the state, southwide and worldwide program of Southern Baptists."

"The educational, inspirational and unifying values of the offerings," Dr. Tiffany continues, "are invaluable to our members, to the churches, and to the denomination. The Cooperative Program has been one of the greatest unifying forces among Southern Baptists. In these twenty-five years since the birth of the Cooperative Program, we have come a long way. The observance of this Cooperative Program Day will give us a good start on a still greater quarter-century."

"The offering, just like the Co-operative Program throughout these twenty-five years, will not be for one cause but for all of them. Every phase of work outside the local program of the churches is included. Therefore this offering should have a special appeal to every member of every church in every state."

"Let us rise up wholeheartedly, and bring in gifts that will stimulate the missionary concern of the churches, deepen the hold of the Cooperative Program on the hearts of our people, and quicken our work around the world."

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MAGNIFY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN EVERY CHURCH JUNE 11.

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BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

NEW BROTHERHOODS REPORTED TO SOUTHWIDE OFFICE FOR APRIL

The following new Brotherhoods were reported to the Southwide office in Memphis for last month:

Bethel, Sunflower County—Rev. Charles Phillips, Clinton, pastor.

Coldwater, Neshoba County—Rev. Raymond A. Herrington, Philadelphia, pastor.

Hebron, Grenada County—Rev. E. L. Norwood, Grenada, pastor.

Indian Springs, Perry County—Rev. O. H. Petty, Petal, pastor; Ruben Ward of Richton, president; and Hubert Bailey of Hattiesburg, secretary.

McCain, Greene County—Rev. J. H. Cothan, McLain, pastor; J. C. Meadows, president; and Roy Williamson, of McLain, secretary-treasurer.

Twenty-eighth Avenue Church, Lebanon Association—Avans E. McArthur, Hattiesburg, secretary.

There were also three new Associational Brotherhood Organizations completed, they are:

Franklin Association—E. B. Thornberg of Meadville, president and Edgar Dickey of Meadville, secretary-treasurer.

Panola Association—Dave C. McMahan of Batesville, president and S. L. Dees of Batesville, secretary-treasurer.

Union County Association—W. J. Clayton of New Albany, president.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

1950 is the 25th Anniversary of the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program. Through these years this plan has proved its value to all Baptist work. We congratulate Southern Baptist leaders upon their wise development of the plan and the giving of information about it to the people. Brotherhood leaders join in the observance of it and will continue to seek the enlistment of every man in giving his tithes and offerings to his church, and through the Cooperative Program to the missionary, benevolent, and educational work carried on by the Southern Baptist Convention, and the State Baptist Convention.

What a marvelous plan! It includes every cause, every Baptist board, agency and institution, every state, every church, every Baptist. Thank God for the Cooperative Program!

ORDER JOURNALS

At the beginning of each quarter the church Brotherhood secretary should order copies of the BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL from the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Commerce Title Building, Memphis 3, Tennessee. Some Brotherhoods get them for all their members, while others order at least one dozen for use by the program vice-president and speakers. The cost is 10 cents a copy. The Brotherhood Department office in Jackson does not keep them to supply churches, as those on hand are for demonstration purposes.

IT'S RALLY TIME AGAIN

June is just around the corner and it will be a big month in Brotherhood work. We shall probably have forty-

five Associational rallies during the month.

The theme for the meetings is to be BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES. The following associations are scheduled to meet: Attala, Bolivar, Calhoun, Clarke, Copiah, Covington, Deer Creek, Franklin, George, Greene, Gulfcoast, Hinds-Warren, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff-Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lebanon, Leflore, Lincoln, Madison-Yazoo, Marion, Mississippi, Montgomery, Neshoba, Newton, Panola, Pearl River, Perry, Pontotoc, Pike, Prentiss, Rankin, Smith, Simpson, Sunflower, Tiptah, Union county, Union Association, Walthall, Wayne and Winston.

DR. NEWMAN TO VISIT STATE

Dr. A. S. Newman, Brotherhood Secretary of Louisiana, is to be with us for a week June 26 through June 30. We are to attend the following Associational Rallies: Franklin county at Meadville on Monday, June 26; Wayne County at Pleasant Grove on Tuesday, June 27; Calhoun County at Calhoun City on Thursday, June 29; and Clarke County at Shubuta on Friday, June 30.

Dr. Newman is one of the greatest spirits among Brotherhood leaders and we feel very fortunate in having him with us for a week. The brethren in these associations will please take note and help us stage great rallies.

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O. U. RUSHING IS AVAILABLE FOR singing dates during June, July and August. He may be contacted by calling 3-4062 or by writing Route 2, Box 132, Jackson.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS SHOULD INFORM THE PEOPLE JUNE 11 ABOUT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

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Blue Mtn. Societies Elect '50-'51 Leaders

Blue Mountain, Miss.—The three literary societies at Blue Mountain College have elected their leaders for the session 1950-51. Maurine Sparkman, Pine Bluff, Ark., was elected to be president of the Eumonian Society. The Euzelians chose Betty Sue Dixon of Memphis, Tenn. and the Modenians Jane Griffin, West Memphis, Ark., as presidents.

Other Eumonian officers include: vice-president, Jean Lipsey, Memphis, Tenn.; secretary, Jo Ann Mitchell, Blue Mountain; treasurer, Helen James, Sumner; program chairman, Janice Morris, Macon, and Letitia Bigelow, Memphis, Tenn.; athletic director, College York, Philadelphia; goddess, Mary D. Wilds, Oxford.

Euzelian leaders for the next year are: vice-president, Joyce Keeler, Leesburg, Fla.; secretary-treasurer, Alice Donnell, Blue Mountain; program chairman, Emma Holmes, Tupelo, and Martha Ann Cooper, Outwood, Ky.; athletic director, Johnnie Mae Armstrong, Nashville, Tenn.; queen, Betty Burr, Springfield, Tenn.

Modenian officers are: vice-president, Marian Mayes, Blytheville, Ark.; secretary, Edna Jean Reynolds, Starkville; treasurer, Jean Sproles, Delhi, La.; program chairman, Joyce Pugh, Red Bay, La.; athletic director, Nancy Turner, Maben.

J. C. Anderson Ordained At Ovett



JAMES CECIL ANDERSON

James Cecil Anderson was ordained to the full ministry of the gospel by the Ovett Church on May 14. He was licensed by the church in 1948.

The examining council was composed of H. J. Rushing, pastor, West Laurel; C. J. Rushing, Jones County Missionary; J. D. Boutwell, pastor of Ovett Church, and deacons of Myrick Freedom and Ovett churches.

Rev. H. J. Rushing preached the ordination sermon and Rev. C. J. Rushing gave the charge. Millard Jordan led the ordination prayer and Jim Oden presented the Bible.

Mr. Anderson is a graduate of Clarke College. He also has the B. A. degree and has completed most of the work for an M. A. degree. He has taught school for several years and has served as superintendent of the Ovett School for two years. He will enter the New Orleans Seminary soon for further study.

Mrs. Anderson is the former Annie Lee Jones of Laurel. They have one son.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

May 29—Mrs. Samuel W. Cochran, Mississippi College personnel; A. B. Williams, Baptist Orphanage trustee.

May 30—George T. Parker, Clarke College faculty; W. B. Gresham, Benton Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. H. H. Brooks, Leake WMU Assoc. Supt.

May 31—Dr. Cecil Jones, Bible professor, Woman's College; C. G. Murdock, District 4, Brotherhood president.

June 1—Dr. C. A. Palmerlee, Lab. Technician, Baptist Hospital; Dr. J. L. Clark, Union Associational Training Union director.

June 2—Mrs. A. W. Nix, Nexubee Associational W. M. U. Young People's leader; Mrs. Jeff Kent, Clarke College trustee.

June 3—Junior G. A. Camp, Garaywa; Mrs. Franziska Heinrich, Blue Mountain College faculty.

June 4—G. A. Hall, Tishomingo County Convention Board member.

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"THE FACT THAT BAPTISTS HAVE accepted and now use the name 'Baptist' does not mean that they make an ordinance the main thing in their faith and practice. They are in no sense sacramentarians. The main thing is the teaching, example, and will of our Saviour as revealed in the New Testament. This includes believer's baptism." —J. E. Dillard, The Sunday School Builder.

HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

May 28, 1950

Speaker: Dr. Duke K. McCall.

Subject: "The Hero in Your Soul."

Stations: Gulfport, WGCM; Hattiesburg, WFOR; Jackson, WSLI; Laurel, WLAU; Macon, WMBC; Meridian, WTOK.

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Carson Church Honors Physician

Dr. V. N. Nichols, physician who has practiced in Carson for more than forty years, was honored by the Carson Church with a surprise party on his 73rd birthday, May 10.

The Brotherhood presented to him a book containing words of appreciation from the people for his tireless and faithful service. Testimonies of his service were given by friends.

Rev. S. J. Rhodes is the pastor.

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Vaughn Ordained At Magnolia Church

Marvin Vaughn was ordained to the ministry by the Magnolia Church in Jackson County Association on April 28.

The council was made up of Rev. Wallace Harrell, Associational Missionary, moderator; Deacon E. R. Ball, clerk; Rev. H. E. Merritt, Rev. M. E. Overstreet, Rev. R. L. Vaughn, Deacon Jake Overstreet and Henry Overstreet.

Mr. Harrell led in the examination, and Mr. Merritt delivered the ordination sermon. The Rev. Mr. M. E. Overstreet presented the Bible and Mr. Vaughn gave the ordination prayer.

Mr. Vaughn, Clarke College graduate, has accepted the pastorate of the Magnolia Church.

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Rehobeth Has 2nd VBS

Rehobeth Church in Rankin county held its second Vacation Bible School the last week in April with 64 pupils enrolled. Rev. W. H. Wilson, pastor, was principal of the school, assisted by 13 local workers.

During the week there were 19 rededications. The offering, which was \$7.34, was sent to the county missionary to be used for his work. The church purchased flags for use in the school.

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"GOD WILL NOT TAKE OUR PRAYERS and scatter them to the winds any more than you would take the playthings of the child that died and throw them on the city dump heap. He will answer them in some way—if we are in right relations with him and have the right attitude toward one another." —Robert G. Lee, The Sunday School Builder.

STEEL WINDOWS

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- MORE BEAUTY
- BETTER VENTILATION



Sparks & Splinters

DR. J. B. HEAD, WHO DID SO MUCH to help us in our Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago, writes that they have a deficit of a few hundred dollars in their local expenses. He makes request that our people order a picture of the great Friday night evangelistic meeting, when twenty-two thousand people assembled. The pictures cost one dollar (\$1.00) each. Please let several hundred of us send one dollar, and get the picture and thus eliminate the deficit of the local committee. Send the money to Dr. Weldon Wilson, 5300 Glenwood Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois, immediately.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH NEAR TAYLORSVILLE will hold a Youth Revival June 11-18. Rev. Jerry Autrey will do the preaching and Bill Murphree will lead the singing. Both are students at the Louisiana College. A Vacation Bible School will be held during the mornings of the same week. Rev. W. S. Sanderson is the pastor.

SEND AN OFFERING TO SUPPLEMENT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS JUNE 11.

THE REV. DR. SANKEY L. BLANTON was inaugurated as the fifth president of Crozier Theological Seminary, Chester, Pennsylvania, at ceremonies held in the school's Commencement Hall May 8. Dr. Blanton is former dean of the School of Religion at Wake Forest College, where he received two degrees. He also holds degrees from Southern Seminary and Andover-Newton.

BENOIT CHURCH HELD A REVIVAL the last week in April in which Rev. J. W. T. Siler of Arcola did the preaching. There were seven additions, two for baptism. Two others made professions of faith and put their memberships in other churches. Rev. E. G. Evans is the pastor.

MRS. T. F. HARVEY, WIDOW OF the late former pastor of the First Church, Hattiesburg, died at Decatur, Georgia, Saturday. Mrs. Harvey was long prominent in church and club circles of the state, while residing in Mississippi.

JOHN C. WARR HAS REPLACED DR. J. L. Fortney as manager of Georgia Baptist Children's Home, and W. C. Reed succeeds Zeno Wall as superintendent of North Carolina Baptist Orphanage.

REV. GUY C. FUTRAL, MISSISSIPPI College student, has accepted the pastorate of the Pleasant Grove Church, Grenada county, which is a half-time church, and began his work on May 21. He will serve the church in connection with the pastorate of Holcomb Church.

REV. JOHN W. STEEN, JR., OF Jackson, and a graduate of Mississippi College, will serve as assistant pastor of the First Church, Williamsburg, Kentucky, for the summer. Dr. Herbert Gahart is the pastor. Mr. Steen will return to the seminary in the fall to complete his last year's work on his B. D. degree.

THE CLARA CHURCH COMPLETED its Vacation Bible School on May 5 with an average attendance of 38. Miss Annie Laura Cochran was the principal.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING RECEIPTS (1949) stood at \$1,745,627.16 on April 30. Last month's report was erroneous.

ANDERSON, S. C.—ANDERSON COL- lege announces a two-year terminal course for church secretaries in the new catalog which was released, from the press this spring. Students wishing to secure preparation as church secretaries, may take this course and be ready to fill a position at the end of two years. The course combines basic Bible courses with studies in the secretarial sciences and in other related fields.

TRAINING UNIONS SHOULD "TELL THE PEOPLE" ABOUT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM JUNE 11.

Wayland College International Choir Sang At Convention



Shown above is the Wayland International Choir, of Wayland College in Plainview, Texas, as they sang three selections at the Convention in the Chicago Coliseum. Represented are students from many states and nations. The choir is under the direction of Prof. Shelby Collier.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., MAY 18—

The general Baptist Training Union at Blue Mountain College has elected the following officers for the session 1950-51. Director, Sally Shanks, Sumner; associate director, Betty Lou Sweetman, Laurel; secretary, Yvette Shirley, Forest; Bible reader's leader, Mary Frances Palmer, Baldwyn; missionary leader, Nancy Jo Wallis, Harrisburg, Ill.; art director, Janet Washburne, Delhi, La.; chorister, Janice Morris, Macon; pianists, Norma Pugh, Red Bay, Ala.; and Melna Sledge, Shaw; social leader, Jessie Hankins, Pine Bluff, Ark.; presidents of unions—Helen James, Sumner; Betty Carole Osborne, Kenvir, Ky.; Effie Lynn Allen, Louisville; Ruth Russell, New Albany; Doris Blankenship, Black Mountain, N. C.; Mary Jane Nethery, Tupelo; and Martha Huggins, Oxford.

KINGS MISSION, SPONSORED BY the First Church, Vicksburg, will be organized as a mission at special services on June 11. Morning services will be held with dinner on the grounds. The church will be organized at the afternoon service. The week preceding June 11, a Vacation Bible School has been planned. A revival will begin on the day of the organization and will continue through the week following. Rev. S. L. Walker will be the evangelist.

CLINTON, MISS., MAY 18—HARRY Jones, a junior ministerial student, has been elected president of the Ministerial Association at Mississippi College for 1950-51. Mr. Jones is from Moselle. Other officers that were elected include: vice-president, Howard Hamrick, Crosby; pianist, Ben Hatfield, Tylertown; secretary, Milton Scott, Jachin, Ala.; treasurer, Ted Lee, Magnolia; reporter, Ulvie Fitts, Tupelo; chorister, Joe Hilbun, Laurel.

SPECIAL OFFERING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SILVER ANNIVERSARY JUNE 11 OR SOON THEREAFTER.

THE ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE MIN- isterial Wives' Association at Mississippi College was held at Livingston Park on Thursday afternoon, May 18. Among the invited guests were Rev. W. S. Landrum, Dr. L. B. Campbell, Rev. Nolan M. Kennedy, and A. L. Goodrich. The most interesting part of the picnic was the ball game between the wives of the young ministers who were present. A picnic lunch was served and everybody had a good time.

COURTLAND CHURCH, WHICH IS observing Christian Home Week now, will climax the week's activities on May 28 with an all day service. Recognition will be given to the oldest member of the church and to the largest family attending. The church roll will be called. Picnic lunches will be spread at noon.

THE BIGGER A MAN GETS, THE smaller should be the size of his hat.

THIRTY RELIGIOUS PILGRIMS were trampled to death recently as more than 1,000,000 Hindus struggled to bathe in the "sacred" Ganges river.

ACCORDING TO JOHN E. SKOG-lund, Northern Baptist, the government of Burma has issued an order prohibiting evangelistic missionaries to enter that country.

REV. GENE CRAWFORD, OF MERI- dian, who is a third year student at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, will be married to Mary Dearking of Louisville on the "Bride and Groom" radio program on May 25.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., MAY 17— Three Blue Mountain College faculty members will teach in other institutions this summer. Dr. Walter F. Taylor will teach English at the University of Mississippi; Dr. William A. Hoppe will join the music faculty of Mississippi Southern at Hattiesburg; and Dr. Ralph Dunham will teach education at Stephen F. Austin College, Nacodoches, Texas.

DR. ZENO WALL, GENERAL SUPER- intendent of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, and for twenty-three years, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shelby, will on August 20 reach sixty-eight, the age of retirement and will move back to Shelby where he will be available for evangelistic meetings and supply work; and he might write another book. Dr. Wall formerly served as pastor at First Church Columbia and Clinton.

SPECIAL OFFERING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SILVER ANNIVERSARY JUNE 11 OR SOON THEREAFTER.

THE CORINTH CHURCH FOUR miles west of Purvis will have an all day memorial service Sunday, May 28. Everyone with loved ones buried there come and bring flowers and a basket lunch. The program will begin at 10 o'clock and close about 3:30 o'clock.

FIRST CHURCH, WINONA, REACHED an all-time high in Training Union attendance on May 21 with 229 attending. It was the first time in the history of the church that the BTU attendance was more than the Sunday School 226. The first Training Union in the state was organized in the Winona Church in 1895 under the direction of Arthur Flake, and was about the 6th in the south. Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, is the pastor of the church.

SUPPLEMENTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OFFERING JUNE 11 OR MOST CONVENIENT SUNDAY.

WE WANT TO GIVE FAIR NOTICE.

Last year we received many accounts of Vacation Bible Schools from four to six weeks after the school was over. As the Baptist Record does not have a history department we want news while it is news. So we are asking those who wish to send news items about their Vacation Bible Schools that they send them in immediately, without waiting a month or two and then sending them. The sooner it is sent the more news value it will have.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Rev. W. T. Douglas, Brooksville; S. I. Hurst, Summit; I. N. Smith, Vicksburg; Rev. Newell Massey, Clinton; Rev. John Steen, Jackson; E. M. Fleming, Moss; H. A. Scott, Tylertown; Rev. James P. Brewer, Brookhaven; Rev. J. D. Boutwell, Overt; Rev. W. R. Cooper, Jackson; Rev. Edward C. Farr, Marion; F. M. Coleman, Jackson; John F. Carter, Pineville, Ky.; Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Crowder; Rev. W. I. Sullivan, Natchez; Claude A. Rhodes, Hattiesburg; Rev. C. E. Smith; Mrs. Claud Asbury, Jr., Clinton; Rev. J. W. T. Siler, Arcola; Mary Frances Siler, Arcola; Earl R. Mattox, San Francisco, California; Mrs. W. S. Thornton, Jackson; P. C. Perkins, Goodman; Rev. A. E. Lucas, Belzoni.

DR. THOMAS NOW ABLE TO DO supply work: After one and one-half years illness, Dr. C. S. Thomas' health has improved to the extent that he is able to do some supply work where and when needed. Anyone in need of Dr. Thomas' services may write him at 1322 Second Avenue, N., Columbus, Mississippi.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., MAY 10— Mountain Masqueraders, dramatic players, at Blue Mountain College have elected the following officers for the 1950-51 session: President, Joyce Keeler, Leesburg, Fla.; vice-president, Voncille Haire, Vardaman; secretary, Juanita Barkley, State Line; treasurer, Eria Stuart, Greenwood; program chairman, Darleene Brown, Indian Head, Md.; and Marion Mayes, Blytheville, Ark.; social chairman, Beverly Guyton, Blue Mountain; publicity chairman, Doris Davis, Tupelo; decorations chairman, Peggy Workman, Woodruff, S. C.

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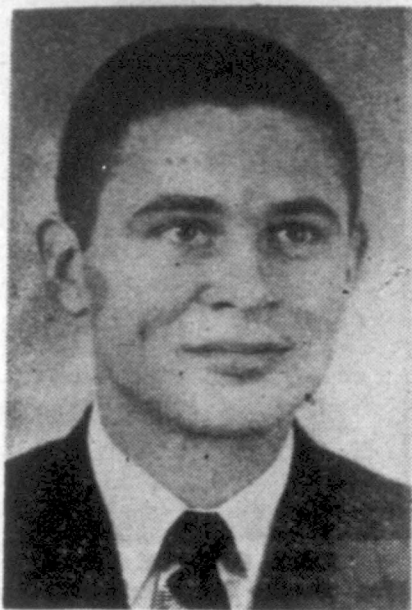
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MILLS L. ROGERS
MEET OUR STATE COUNCIL

President of our State BSU Council is Mills L. Rogers, of Delta State, who is pictured above. Mills was a four-letter man in high school, was Lieut. Gov. at Boy's State in 1946, and president of his class 4 years. He is president of the Student Cabinet at Delta State and has been president, vice-president and music chairman of the BSU, Representative to Camp Miniwanca, delegate to Aquatic School, member of the Inter-Faith Council, and president of his class for 3 years.

As Mills leads in the Student Work of our state, let us remember him in earnest and continual prayer.

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Dr. Mark Lowry, pastor at Wesson, the home of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, plans to spend several hours each week on the campus to help the students there in a spiritual way. We believe this sort of thing will help further to link our students to Christ and His church. . . The June issue of the Baptist Student, in memory of Frank H. Leavell, makes us realize more than ever that Dr. Frank was one of the greatest Christian statesmen Southern Baptists have ever produced and certainly one of the greatest friends of youth who ever lived. Dr. Frank's work, under God, will never die, we believe, and how thankful to God we are for his life and work. . . We still need about \$500 to complete the fund for Student Summer Missions. We've received \$1,519.98 to date. Have you given? . . . Final count on the Retreat registration is 228. Several of these did not make it to the meeting. . . Ridgecrest's a-comeing, Student Retreat is June 7-14; deadline for registration (\$2 each) and for round-trip bus fares from Jackson (\$20 each) is May 29 in this office.

At this writing, we've received \$1,516.98 for the traveling expenses of our four Student Summer Missionaries. We need approximately \$500 more and SOON, for these young people need to know whether they can go so that they can get ready for a great summer's work for Christ in Bible Schools and other phases of evangelism. Latest gifts received: Summit Baptist Church—\$14.86; Mrs. Sallie F. Campbell, Jackson—\$12.65; Dr. J. S. Riser, Jr., Webb—\$2.00; Mis. College (their second)—\$100.02; Blue Mtn. Training Union—\$10.50 and \$23 from individuals. . . "We Are Making A Place For Young People," by C. S. Hodge, of 1st Church, Columbia, S. C., a college town, is an article's title with many implications and applications. Said article appeared in April Sunday School Builder. . . A recent visit to Southwest Jr. and the Summit

Church was a great blessing. Pastor Roe Wilson and Student Sec'y Beverly Hodges, along with the college folk and church people, were very gracious. Had the privilege of talking with the new BSU Council, after a fellowship supper at the church, and to the church's Prayer Meeting about the work. The folk in Summit, we believe, are for helping their college students in a spiritual way as much as possible. . . At this writing 50 paid registrations (\$2.00 each) have been received for Student Retreat at Ridgecrest and two round-trip bus fares (\$20 each). Deadline in this office for both is May 29. Miss. has 277 reservations. Let's get that many there. Most college delegations are expected to register early in order to get the spaces they want. Go to Ridgecrest, if you can, and pray for this great Retreat of 2500 or more college students from all over the South. . . Pastors, will you not use a team of workers for a Youth Revival in your church this summer? Give these young people the opportunity to witness for Christ for which they have volunteered. . . Anyone interested in entering a contest for the best editorial on "Social Pressure Against Alcohol," may write us for details. First prize is \$200. Also, those interested in attending the Intercollegiate School of Alcohol Studies to be held at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, Aug. 27-Sept. 1, 1950, may write us. There are a limited number of scholarships for this school. . . Now and again we hear the despairing remark, "our impossible young people." To such pessimists I would answer, "They are all the possibilities we have," and they are well worthy of the best our homes and churches can give in the way of Christian nurture and training. This is the age of boundless enthusiasm and energy. It need not all be expended in the rooting section of the grandstand, but may find joyous expression in the home and the church where a worthy and commanding program is a wholesome substitute for the glamorous offerings of the world.—Mrs. J. M. Dawson.

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Clouds Are Over North America

Recent developments have been pyramiding to warn people in the United States and Canada of attitudes and intentions of the Roman Catholic Church-State. The Vatican is zealously seeking to extend more and more control over this continent. The utterances of Cardinal Spellman and his unsavory attack upon Mrs. Roosevelt are typical.

The efforts to lay hold on public tax funds for Roman Catholic use in schools and church charities should be a warning. Attention has been called to the power of the Roman Catholic Church-State over such vital agencies as: (A) The press, including all news sources which it suppresses, colors or uses to its personal advantage members of the Roman church hold strategic positions in nearly all of the large periodicals and daily papers; (B) The radio, and other news channels; (C) Catholic action, which extends its control or influence to various boards and organizations such as education, labor, social, political, industrial, and financial.—J. M. Dawson.

Rev. Bob Crawford Is Santa Rosa Pastor



REV. ROBERT CRAWFORD

Rev. Robert S. Crawford has recently become pastor of the Santa Rosa Church near Picayune. Mr. Crawford is a graduate of Mississippi College; he received his B. D. degree from the New Orleans Seminary in 1948 and has completed two years' graduate work there since that time.

He succeeds Rev. Olin Simms as pastor of Santa Rosa. Mr. Sims is now serving the First Church, Livingston, Ala.

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Rehobeth Church Ordains 3 Deacons

Rehobeth Church in Rankin county ordained three deacons on Saturday night, May 20.

Deacons ordained were John Watts, Charles Walker and Henry Shedd:

Assisting in the ordination service were the pastor, Rev. W. H. Wilson, Rev. L. V. Young and Rev. Grady Smith.

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Cleveland Preparing For World Baptist Sessions

CLEVELAND—(RNS)—This city is in the midst of the biggest "rooms to let" search in its history.

Fully 30,000 rooms are sought to take care of the delegates who are coming here July 22 for the eighth world congress of the Baptist World Alliance.

Opening session of the congress will be held in Cleveland Stadium with President Truman scheduled to make an address.

This session, which is expected to attract 75,000, will include a pageant of churches with an international roll call and "march of nations."

Delegations are expected to take part from Asia, New Zealand, Australia, Africa, Europe and the Americas.

Speakers at later sessions, which continue for five days, will include Dr. Edwin McNeill Potat of Raleigh, N. C., former president of Colgate-Rochester Seminary; Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, president of the Alliance, and Dr. M. E. Aubrey of London, England, president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

The alliance represents 17,000,000 Baptists in 60 countries.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING

UNION ATTENDANCE

May 21, 1950

Calvary (Amite county) . . .	107	103
Pascagoula, First . . .	712	236
Eastlawn Mission . . .		38
Unity Mission . . .	59	45
McArthur Mission . . .	29	
Jackson Avenue Mission . . .	34	
Kosciusko, First . . .	610	197
Winona, First . . .	226	229
Union Chapel . . .	43	35
Crystal Springs . . .	608	184
Magee's Creek (Lawrence county) . . .	87	100
East Moss Point . . .	253	94
Yazoo City, First . . .	364	
South McComb . . .	169	60
South McComb Mission . . .	28	51
East Louisville . . .	71	54
Laurel, Second Avenue . . .	384	116
Joe Wheeler Chapel . . .	46	
Assoc.) . . .	114	86
Rawls Springs (Lebanon Brookhaven, Pearlhaven . . .	186	80
Friendship (Lincoln county) . . .	93	80
Bogue Chitto (Pike county) . . .	96	102
Oloh (Lamar county) . . .	81	98
Wallerville (Union county) . . .	165	76
Tupelo, Harrisburg . . .	476	155
Union (Pike county) . . .	57	74
Wellmon (Lincoln county) . . .	81	60
Lucedale . . .	340	101
Hattiesburg, Main Street . . .	951	293
Gulfport, First . . .	607	176
Long Creek (Lauderdale county) . . .	104	86
Midway (Lauderdale county) . . .	114	81
Brookhaven, First . . .	804	181
Hamilton Street Chapel . . .	114	44
Central Chapel . . .	114	66
West Corinth . . .	183	47
Union (Pearl River county) . . .	175	161
Bunker Hill (Marion county) . . .	253	198
Mt. Vernon (Leflore county) . . .	63	51
Corinth, Tate Street . . .	280	115
Carmel (Lawrence county) . . .	109	140
Centerville . . .	145	63
Gess . . .	129	123
Mt. Zion (Lincoln county) . . .	143	54
Clarksdale . . .	622	146
Columbia, First . . .	924	290
Forest Hill . . .	181	147
Zion (Pontotoc county) . . .	130	35
Greenville, Second . . .	335	150
Paynes . . .	171	57
Zion Hill (Copiah county) . . .	96	89
West Laurel . . .	431	129
Laurel, First . . .	602	158
Meridian, First . . .	773	104
Meridian, Highland . . .	496	136
Meridian, Forty First Avenue . . .	377	102
Meridian, Eight Avenue . . .	358	188
Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive . . .	290	116
Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive Mission . . .	25	
Meridian, Oakland Heights . . .	144	67
Meridian, Key Field . . .	105	35
Jackson, Paul Truitt . . .	164	114
Jackson, North Side . . .	564	164
Jackson, First . . .	1368	455
Jackson, Elaine . . .	122	90
Jackson, Calvary . . .	1354	326
Calvary Mission . . .	24	19
Jackson, South Side . . .	300	116
Jackson, Davis Memorial . . .	444	264
Jackson, Parkway . . .	847	258
Jackson, Van Winkle . . .	492	241
May 14, 1950		
Bogue Chitto (Pike county) . . .	92	122
Paynes . . .	165	65
Mt. Vernon (Leflore county) . . .	63	
Yazoo City, First . . .	342	60
Woodville . . .	214	114

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

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Nigeria's seminary and centennial celebration this year, in 500 baptisms in Italy, and in a total income for this Board of \$5,500,000.

Our Home Mission Board with its missionaries helping to establish in 105 years 10,000 Baptist churches, with reports from the missionaries of 1,000,000 baptisms—has the task now (with the recent additions of California, Washington, Oregon, Kansas, Alaska) of serving 78 per cent more territory and 39 per cent more people than a decade ago.

Our Baptist Training Union shows undeviating loyalty to the Bible and our denomination. Built now into the fabric of and making enduring contributions to our denominational life, the Training Union crusades to enlist all our Baptist people in daily Bible reading and prayer and in greater attendance at the midweek and Sunday night services, to provide study courses for all new converts, to conserve all the results of evangelism. Thus the Training Union is mighty in the land.

Our Evangelistic Department. With 334,864 baptisms last year, with the greatest simultaneous revival crusades in American history, we know that our evangelistic aims and achievements are to Southern Baptist life what healthy blood is to the body.

Our Baptist Hour! Never have we had so many to listen to our Gospel preaching at such little cost as through our radio ministry.

Our Relief and Annuity Board! The beneficent work of this Board is as a roof of refuge in time of storm—and as necessary in Southern Baptist ministry as numbers in mathematics.

Our Baptist Foundations! Those of the Convention and of various states serve two needs—the need felt by our institutions and agencies, and the need felt by the portion of our Baptist constituency desiring to make contributions in the nature of trust funds to be invested in the most productive way commensurate with safety. Prospective donors are served by the Baptist Foundations in that they are helped to solve the problems of their stewardship beyond the tithe.

Our Baptist Student Work is led by student secretaries who are "spiritual coaches." Who can evaluate this mighty force of thousands of Baptist students taught to realize that the greatest place to serve is the local church?—taught to practice second-mile Christianity and the truth that if we turn our backs upon our churches, we turn us away from our liberties?

Our Brotherhood! The work done by these in recruiting men for active service in our churches is a source of strength to the churches. There are now 4153 churches reporting brotherhood organizations, with a membership of 142,202, a 19 per cent gain in enrollment over 1948.

Our Denominational Papers! Ably edited by Christian men concerned about the welfare of our Southern Baptist Zion, they mean in enlightenment to Southern Baptists what Gutenberg's printing press meant to the world when by it he gave the Bible to the people and opened blind alleys of ignorance into endless highways of wisdom.

Our Seminaries are cause for gratitude, and we should remember the Baptist Bible Institute of Florida and

the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School—both of them set for the instruction of preachers of advanced years and limited previous schooling, who, as they are taught, are admonished to cooperate with their Baptist brethren in the God-given and God-commanded task of world evangelization.

With our eyes thus upon ourselves, we see how God, looking with pleasure upon us, has made Southern Baptists prosperous beyond expectation and influential beyond precedent. Therefore, let us remember that "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

With God's favor upon us authenticated by our progress, we must take no backward step by failure to maintain the absolute autonomy of our churches, which maintenance is the only thing that will keep us from going into some form of ecclesiasticism which is wholly foreign to Baptists. Moreover, no backward step must we take by a careless indifference to great stretches of the unattained.

EYES OF SATAN

Satan, who brought disorder among the angels and undermined the constitution of Adam's nature, is the God of this world. Maliciously he watches us—hoping to see us betrayed into errors of judgement.

To him who would work havoc among us, even as he dismantled the first Adam of his nobility, and discreditable dissonance would be delight. Satan hates our tremendous enterprises, our ventures of faith, our advance programs—all born in love and carried forward with zeal in the blood of those possessed of an incontestably conscientious and imperious sense of duty. Satan hates our Gospel and our Baptist doctrines. He would empty our lamps of oil, dull the edges of our swords, at a time when we need to stand together as soldiers in battle. "Let us give no place to the devil."

EYES OF MANY CHRISTIANS

Their eyes, filled with trust, gleam with the hope that through Christ we will live out most frankly and fruitfully all that is best in our being—placing our reins of guidance and government in Christ's hands as our feet travel the road of the Cross.

Many watch to see if we will cleave implicitly to Christ, who chooses foolish things to confound the wise, who is invested with authority to send us every gift the Father can bestow, and whose merciful grace follows us from demand to demand.

EYES OF DEPARTED LEADERS

They, whose influence did not end when they left us, look our way to see if we maintain the purpose for which the Convention was organized.

These departed mighty ones, opposing public funds being given to sectarian institutions, favoring the Lordship of Christ and not the overlordship of bishops and popes, transmitted to us some things they believed from the beginning and tested out in the laboratories of their own experience—things which modern scholarship has not improved, things which the popularity of public opinion has not discounted.

Our forefathers tested in the laboratories of their experience the truth that the individual must have freedom to think, to speak, to act for himself, but with no right to be discourteous, to injure anybody else, or to deny freedom to another.

Our Baptist forefathers, in whose



DR. WALTER F. TAYLOR

Blue Mountain, Miss., May 18—Shown above is Dr. Walter F. Taylor, dean of Blue Mountain College, to whom the Mountaineer, college yearbook for 1950 was dedicated.

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PEOPLE WILL NEVER DO RIGHT because they are afraid not to.

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WHAT A MAN IS TO BE DEPENDS largely upon what a man wants to be.

train we can wisely and safely follow, left us a rich heritage in spiritual values. Therefore, "What our fathers with so much difficulty secured, do not basely relinquish."

EYES OF GOD

"God looketh unto the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven."

Our Christian work is too great for human strength without divine commission. Therefore, we must take cognizance of the storehouse that cannot be exhausted. We are stewards of the manifold grace of God—in using as well as in dispensing it—not as saints preserved for future happiness but as sinners redeemed for present service.

If our Baptist Zion is weak, it is not for want of strength promised and provided, but because we do not put it on.

Mrs. Kerr Accepts New Position



MRS. HORACE KERR

Mrs. Horace Kerr, who for almost three years has served the church as secretary, has accepted the position as secretary to Dr. E. D. Head, President of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. She will begin her duties there on June 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerr had planned to go to Fort Worth this summer to attend school this fall. Dr. Head asked her to come on June 1 to be his secretary.

Mrs. Kerr has been most efficient and agreeable in her relationships with our church. She has been most willing to do whatever work was necessary, even at personal sacrifice. Her gracious spirit has won many, many friends who will continue to think of her in the future.

Mr. Kerr will graduate from Mississippi College this summer and will join his wife then. He has been a faithful worker in our Sunday School and church.

It is with regrets that we accept Mrs. Kerr's resignation as our secretary. We rejoice with her, however, over her opportunity for greater service.

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MCMINNVILLE, ORE.—(RNS)—THE Oregon State Baptist Convention closing a three-day meeting here, adopted a resolution asking President Truman not to appoint another ambassador to the Vatican in deference to the American principle of separation of church and state.

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To answer this desperate plea for a ministry that is getting results. The cry of hungry hearts for the message of salvation and the call of broken homes and lives for the peace that only God can give, affords opportunity to 500 consecrated Christians to do a work that will be a monument to Christian service.

10,000 requests come each month to the Mississippi Baptist Hour for copies of radio messages. The Mississippi Baptist Hour does not have funds to take care of this great need. Yet, the challenge must be met and the requests answered. Every sermon copy mailed means added emphasis to this Gospel Radio Ministry.

The MEMORIAL BAPTIST PRESS has assumed full responsibility for the distribution of these Gospel Messages. This organization is a non-profit institution dedicated to the propagation of the Gospel in and through aid to local churches. Thus, the opportunity for 500 consecrated Christians.

The only answer to this great challenge is for 500 Christians over the state to bind themselves together to do the job. 500 contributing at least \$1.00 each month will mean hundreds saved and thousands on the road to spiritual happiness. Broken homes will be mended, lives will be salvaged and God's Word will be distributed.

Since we want to send out membership cards and also monthly bulletins to give an account of the work, we must limit the membership to 500. The first 500 that answer will be given preference in membership. Remember—only \$1.00 each month or \$10.00 for one year and you will be a member of a group doing one of the greatest pieces of work that men can lend their talents to do.

Send your contribution today and be sure to enclose your name and address. Send as a designated gift through the office of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board - Jackson, Mississippi.

Remember! We cannot answer the mail of tomorrow unless we hear from you today. There are souls lost and dying between your opportunity of this moment and our distribution of God's Word tomorrow. Your decision now means the salvation of these souls or their damnation. Please!! Please!! Help us to help them.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by BRACEY CAMPBELL
May 28

MICAH'S HOME OF GOD'S SALVATION. Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-4; 7:18-20

We have discovered in our study of Micah that he can be stern and denunciatory in his message to the people, speaking to them in words that sting the sluggish awake, menace the indifferent with the prospect of even handed justice measuring to each exactly his deserts.

Now we are to learn that this stern prophet can be gentle in his methods and soothing in his speech. Micah had watched over Israel as a mother over her wayward boy and had spoken sternly to Israel, but Micah, in this office had learned more of the mother heart of the loving God, and so he comes here to speak of a love that never fails even under provocations the most trying.

THIS IS JEHOVAH'S WORLD
Micah 4:1-5

The dominion of Jehovah is world-wide and the days are coming when this fact will be apparent to men of discerning mind. The mountain of His house shall be established as the tallest peak of authority anywhere. In these words the prophet is looking forward away to the dawn of the day of Messiah's fuller reign. In that day the world shall know that His is the authority supreme among all nations. The glory of the house of God shall be superior to that of all other nations.

The nations of that day shall flow unto the house of Jehovah that thence they may draw from the fountain of wisdom; for "He will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths." The law shall go forth out of Zion and the word of God shall flow from Jerusalem. I can read no other meaning from these words than that Jerusalem, the city of the Great King shall one day be recognized as the source and seat of world authority. It is not the nations who shall say, "He will teach us of His ways and we shall walk in His paths."

When this stage in the establishment of His authority has been reached, international disputes will be referred to Jehovah and His ruling shall be accepted, and therefore, wars shall cease to the ends of the earth, when men shall reverse the present order and convert instruments of warfare into implements of peace, and the flower of our youth shall be called to learn the finer arts of fellowship and the friendship which shall be world-wide.

Now let us look at the picture drawn by the hand of Micah the farmer, the country man whose simple, rural heart turns instinctively to rural scenes as examples of the best and the finest the world has to offer (and who shall truthfully say he is wrong) and behold the picture of sweet contentment the prophet draws for all eyes to see. "And they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid."

What makes a happy nation? Happy individuals—happy men and women and children—contented with the ever-yaxing treasures of the grace of God and the simple creature comforts that leave eyes to see the beauty of His holiness and the loveliness of the landscape His hands have built, to hear the notes of the music of nature including every instrument from the song of Jehovah's cricket to the roll and swell of Jehovah's thunder, to enjoy the bounty of Jehovah's blessings in the plenitude of its fullness.

Micah is a dreamer as what man native to the soil and in love with the bosom of mother earth is not? But Micah is also a realist, not in spite of his being a dreamer but because of it. And being a realist he sees that the con-

dition he desires and foresees will come only a long while after. "For all the peoples walk" (now) "every one in the name of his god; and we will walk in the name of Jehovah our God for ever and ever."

MICAH LOCATES THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE SAVIOR. 5:2-4

Read it! Here seven centuries before the event a country preacher names the exact town in which is to be born a baby who is to become the hope of all nations and the Savior of the world. There is only one explanation of this occurrence—God spoke through Micah.

THE DEEP-DOWN CHARACTER OF MICAH'S GOD. 7:18-20

His love can never fail. His self-affirming righteousness is simply the obverse of His self-emptying love. He is love to the uttermost because He is spotlessly righteous; and He is thus righteous because He is holy and absolutely love. Love, real love, Godly love, love in the sense in which our

Lord used the word when He said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" never sprang from an unrighteous heart, and it never will. To speak of a bad heart as the harbor of a true love is as one spoke of a block of red-hot ice. True, unselfish, Godly love is the fairest fruit of the good life, and that sort of fruit does not grow from a bad tree. Our Lord it was who said, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

How does Micah conceive God as loving? Jehovah the God of Micah gives salvation to His people. Ever it is thus: Love gives to its object. That which Jehovah gives is salvation, the greatest possible gift; and that gift required that Jehovah give Himself, and that He did when He gave Our Lord from a love that overcame the opposition of all foes.

—BB—

OUR DANGER IS NOT FROM CONFLAGRATION BUT FROM REFRIGERATION.

CLINTON, MISS., MAY 18—BILLY Fancher, a pre-med student from Louisville, Mississippi, has been elected president of the Hermeanian Literary Society at Mississippi college for 1950-51. Other officers that were elected include: vice-president, Mary Catherin Lowry, Memphis; parliamentarian, Jimmy Pittman, Greenwood; chaplain, Dewey Meritt, Petal; secretary, Martha Maxwell, Memphis; treasurer, Billie Tinnon, Ellisville; Sgt.-at-arms, Bobby Moore, Jackson; critic, Margaret A. Jordan, Ellisville.

SUPPLEMENTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OFFERING JUNE 11 OR MOST CONVENIENT SUNDAY.

"SUSPICION AND DECEPTION ARE the exact opposites of faith and confidence. Love produces faith and faith produces love between a man and his wife and between parents and their children. Fear produces deception and dishonesty of all kinds, and is like damp rot in family relationships."—Wayne E. Oates, *The Teacher*.

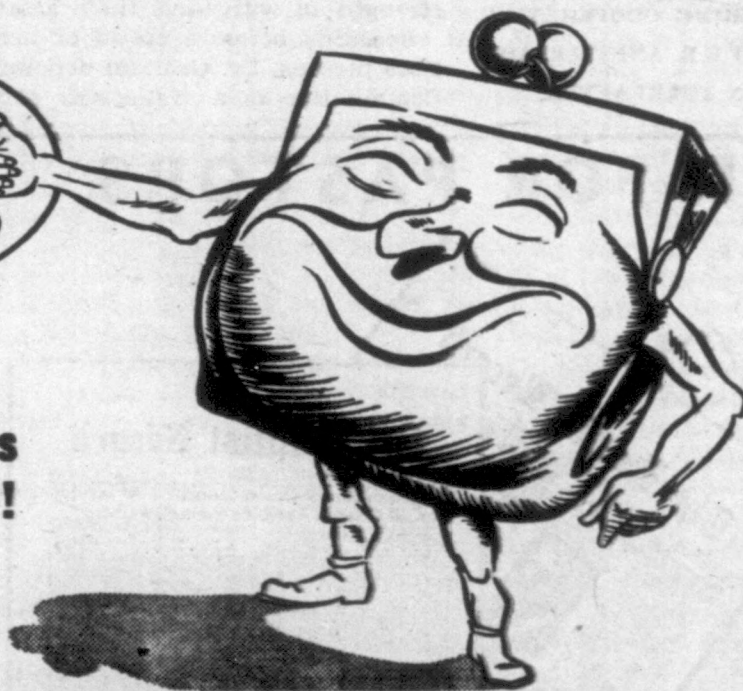
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Haggard Accepts Philipp Pastorate



Rev. James G. Haggard, who is the son of Mrs. Jim Haggard of Louisville, has accepted the pastorate of the church at Philipp.

Mr. Haggard is a 1950 graduate at the Southwestern Seminary, where he received the Th. M. degree. After graduation from Mississippi College in 1942, he served four years in the Navy.

—BR—

SPECIAL OFFERING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SILVER ANNIVERSARY JUNE 11 OR SOON THEREAFTER.

CHINESE RURAL CHURCHES MAKING SLOW COMEBACK

Hongkong—(RNS)—Rural churches, hardest hit of all Christian groups during the period when Communist armies were wresting the China mainland from Kuomintang forces, are staging a slow comeback.

A Chinese Christian leader who makes frequent trips into the countryside reports that "the Christian faith in the hearts of rural people is strong and deep" and in many places where there are no pastors laymen are carrying on church work.

Self-supporting is a critical problem. In Shantung, some rural churches have started a tithing plan, but so far this movement is limited. Present heavy taxes take most of their surplus.

A Christian has a reputation in his community for honesty, reliability, and intelligence. "Christians are literate, are used to leadership, can conduct a meeting, and inspire confidence in the people," it was explained.

—BR—

Billy Graham Sees 'Spread of Sin' As Communist Plot

Manchester, N. H. —(RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham said here that the "insidious spread of sin throughout the nation is part of a Communist plot to weaken us so that when they are ready we will not have the moral strength to withstand their attack."

Speaking before a crowd of nearly 2,000 persons, Dr. Graham denounced Communism as a "fanatical, super-

So. McComb Mission Has Rapid Growth



BERNARD WASHINGTON SPILMAN
By DR. A. C. REID

(Editor's note: The following article is a part of the tribute made by Dr. A. C. Reid at the funeral of the late Dr. Spilman, noted North Carolinian and Baptist leader).

It is my privilege here to speak for many educational institutions located throughout our country which are indebted to him in whose memory we assemble, and for a host of students now in almost every area of the world who felt the impact of this person who was so wise, so just, and so good.

Dr. Spilman embodied noble educational ideals. A foe of mental apathy, he has always intellectually alert. An enemy of superficiality, dogmatism, false piety and arrogance, he humbly recognized truth as of God; and he in diverse ways and places ever sought, appreciated, and practiced the truth. He read God's book of ancient history, printed on the large pages of earth's strata. He saw personal tragedy, understood social needs, and used modes of wise ministry. He loved good homes; he helped build a great home of his own; he found homes for the homeless; wherever he was a guest, he contributed strength and charm. In such ways, he set for us in college circles superb standards of value, permanence, devotion, reverence, and achievement.

For our Christian colleges, Dr. Spilman's generous hand provided buildings, great books, and special endowments. He also furnished the impact of a personality, noble, powerful, and abiding in its influence upon faculty and students. His unaffected culture, the penetrating rays of his wisdom, the warmth of his devout soul, and his love of goodness "full-charged with gladness" make his life a permanent part of great educational institutions committed to the principle of loyalty to the truth. His ideal is that of a free people—in mind, in worship, and in honest and honorable effort—under God and in the name of the Eternal Living Christ.

Two schools granted him earned degrees, while for merit achieved four conferred upon him honorary degrees. Dr. Spilman reflects upon the lives of men and women the ineffable light of the Lord Christ.

naturally endowed religion that has declared war on God."

The youthful evangelist said the American home was breaking up, and pointed to the mounting divorce rate and the number of young people arrested for various crimes.

He declared that the church in this country has been in retreat for 50 years, and cited the fact that in Maine alone there are more than 500 churches closed.

"I give us three to five years at this rate," he said. "Then we're done unless we have a spiritual revival."

The South McComb Mission began services in a tent in Moffit's Courts on February 19 with 16 attending Sunday School. In three months they have grown to an average attendance of 45.

A Training Union has been organized with 55 enrolled. Weekly prayer services and cottage prayer meetings are held.

There have been 16 additions, 8 by baptism and five candidates are now awaiting baptism as a result of the recent revival.

Services are now held in two tents. M. T. Long is the Sunday School superintendent and Rev. Emmet Moak is the preacher.

—BR—

Holly Grove Ordains Deacons



Shown above are the deacons of the Holly Grove Church in Simpson county, including three ordained in April. They are, left to right: Elbert Bridges, Lonnie Hughes, Henry Garrett; second row: Jessie Traylor, Johnnie Berry, W. O. Pierce.

Holly Grove Church, Simpson county, ordained three as deacons in April. They were: Lonnie Hughes, Henry Garrett, and W. O. Pierce. Rev. Theodore Lee is the pastor.

Dr. W. E. Greene, Clarke College president, preached the ordination sermon, Rev. V. O. Malley, Harrisville, pastor gave the charge and Jack Hughes led the ordination prayer.

The church promotes half time service, with community singing sponsored on Saturday nights. On May 28 the entire services will be in charge of the Young People.

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ELKHART, IND.—(RNS) A RESOLUTION opposing the appointment of a new presidential representative to the Vatican was adopted here by the Indiana conference of Congregational Christian churches. The resolution stated that creation of the office of presidential representative to the Vatican was established without the authorization of the United States Senate, and "is a breach of the Constitutional principle and guarantee of the separation of the church and the state."

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